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# VALEDICTORY OF THE NEGRO

### HON. GEORGE H. WHITE SAYS THE THE NEGRO BIDS CONGRESS A TEMPORARY ADIEU,

But the Race will Come Again in Due Season.

## THOMPSON TALKS BACK TO THE WORLD

### INSISTING UPON A SQUARE DEAL AND A CANDID SURVEY OF FACTS--THE PUBLIC

Comfort Committee and Washington Social Conditions.

## THE RECORDERSHIP OF DEEDS

### DISCUSSED, WITH A WORD ABOUT NEGROES WHO INSIST UPON SUCCEEDING NEGROES.

Good Politics Demands the Retention of Mr.Cheatham--The Census Office.

## AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL TO MEET

The Pen and Pencil Club Cornering the Brain Narket--Col. R. R.Church's Munificence--Lyceum Lore Notes Picked Up.

Staff Correspondence of The Freeman.

Washington, D. C., Special: The speech of Hon. George H. White, styled the valedictory of the Negro in the United States Congress, has electrified the country as nothing of the kind has done since the days of Charles Sumner and Wendell Phillips. We have had able members of Congress, and their voices have been lifted up in effective appeal to the conscience of the nation. But the majority of them lived in a day when charity for the Negro was keenly alive, and the desire to help him was widespread. Elliott, Smalls, Rainey, O'Hara, Cain, and others, served at a sympathetic period of our history. The squall began with the strong personalities of Langston, Lynch, Murray and Cheatham in the House. George H. White came to Congress at a time when the Negro's ability to compete with the whites on equal terms was so pronounced that a wave of disfranchisement, lynching and industrial discrimination had begun a furious dash across the land, and was almost sweeping the nation off its feet. A strong hand was needed to stem the tide. White was equal to the emergency. A weaker man would have been submerged, and would have gone the way of all the earth. But Mr. White has made himself heard, and he has compelled respct. Of uncompromising spirit and bold disposition, he has so controlled the fire within him by recourse to an iron will and a mastering diplomacy, that his enemies who expected to see him unhorse himself by passion and reprisal have been signally disappointed. At every turn he has stood up for the rights of his people, and well earned the title of the greatest Negro Congressman who has ever sat in the south end of the Capitol. The times demanded a different, if not a higher, order of equipment than ever before, and Mr. White brought his armor with him from the Old North State, and wore it like a chevalier of old. His valedictory is a magnificent state paper, and the influential newspapers of the land have lauded it in the most glowing terms. The speech has reached the ear of the nation, and we believe it will reach its heart. The pathetic appeal he made for a "broken-hearted, oppressed and misrepresented people—yet industrious, patient and God-fearing through all" can not fail to make a lasting impression upon a country that claims Christ as its standard bearer. We shall not go into the details of the speech, as the full text is in the hands of many citizens, white and colored, Democrats and Republicans, and it is likely that the editorial page of The Freeman will be emblazoned with its most salient features. We have submitted a requisition for 150 copies for our Indiana friends, and they have no doubt been received through the mails by this time. Read and preserve them as a sacred heritage.

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For some inexplicable reason, the esteemed and usually clear-headed Indianapolis World, saw fit to devote a large amount of editorial space last week to the Washington correspondent of The Freeman. Exhibit No. 1 appears to indict us as a quasi-defender of what the World chooses to term "Jim Crow boarding houses," in connection with the inaugural ceremonies, and as an apologist for the attitude of the committees in charge of the affair. The World further essays to draw a comparison between a remark made by the Colored American and the report of your correspondent. How it became necessary to mention the correspondent at all is too deep for us, for the reason that the American's comment was an editorial utterance, expressing an opinion, while the matter quoted from our letter was simply a report of the facts without comment. A reporter states, for instance, that John Doe was shot and killed by Richard Roe, such being an undisputed fact. The Recorder comes out with the opinion that said shooting was a dastardly act. Where would the World find an opening for noting a diversity of statement or room for thinking that the Recorder was more nearly correct than the aforesaid reporter?—one making a bare statement of fact and the other advancing an editorial estimate. Both might be equally correct, which is probably the truth, in both the original proposition under discussion and the illustration. A comparison with the view of making it appear that the correspondent indorsed the action of the Washington committe is manifestly misleading and unfair. The reporter gives the news. The editor comments. The Colored American acted within its province in commenting; your correspondent acted in his, in merely reporting; but the World goes a long distance out of its way to covertly discredit your correspondent by a palpable misrepresentation of his position, causing a controversy where there should be none.

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The merits of the case deserve a word. No one is better acquainted in Washington conditions than Editor Manning. He lived here for years, and has visited the capital often. He knows that the "jim crow boarding house" has abided with us for "lo! these many years,' 'and will, like the poor, always be with us—unless the white man reverses himself in some miraculous fashion in some future century. The bulk of Negroes invariably stop at colored houses. Of the white hotels, they will be entertained only at the first-class places, like Willard's, the Arlington, Ebbitt, etc., but the terms at these houses are so steep that few Negroes ever avail themselves of the shelter that might be theirs for the price. "Left to themselves," the Negroes who visit Washington generaly land up at a modest colored hostelry, and adapt themselves to the situation as they find it. The restaurant system is an abomination, but what can be done about it? If somebody doesn't tell a stranger where a Negro can get a "bite," he is apt to go hungry, with his pockets bulging out with silver. There is a civil rights law on the statute books, but it is seldom invoked—because it is practically impossible to secure an indictment against a white restauranteur and no jury will render a verdict for the complaining Negro. A Negro who insists strenuously upon his civil rights in many public places is likely to be arrested for disorderly conduct and may deem himself lucky if he escapes a fine next morning in the police court.

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Every time there is a demonstration here this Negro question bobs up and worries the white people. The social side is what embarrasses them, for Negro committeemen and their wives are logically on the same footing as their lighter confreres. The matter is frequently compromised by leaving the black man off entirely. At inauguration time, however, some show of recognition must be devised, and that has been done this year, although less liberally than heretofore. The Negro has not been adequately recognized, but he has not been wholly ignored—as some reports put it. Let us stick to the facts. Two Negroes—John F. Cook and George William Cook—are on the general committee, and have contributed to the inaugural fund. Three or four, among them Gov. Pinchback, R. W. Tompkins and others that are not recalled just now, are on the committee on public order, and minor committees. The public comfort committee, headed by one M. I. Weller, said to be a Negro-hater, has been divided into a white section and a colored section, contrary to the wishes of 95 per cent. of the colored people of the District. Our bare statement that such had been done and a description of its methods is what brings down the ire of the World upon our head—yet Brother Manning must remember that we did not create Washington sentiment, nor cause the separation of the committee on public comfort into two wings. Incidentally, we disapprove of the whole arrangement, but are we to permit colored visitors to go unadvised, unwelcomed and undirected merely because a short-sighted and prejudiced committee doesn't want colored members to fellowship with them? The thing was better done four years ago, when the same idea was carried out, but with more regard for the sensibilities of the colored people. The Negro members were appointed on the regular committee, but were designated a sub-committee in charge of colored visitors, but had no complete isolation as now. Mr. Robert H. Terrell acted as the head of the colored sub-committee in a most satisfactory manner, and things went off without confusion or scandal. Mr. Daniel Murray, now in charge of the colored section, is an excellent gentleman, cultured and influential, and is acting as best he can for the comfort and convenience of those of our people who will be here next month. We are not aware whether Mr. Knox has yet received his notification of appointment as local chairman for Indiana, and we do not know how he feels about the question of accepting. There is little glory attached to it and fewer emoluments, but it is the impression that he will consent to do anything he can to aid his fellow citizens to find a home while sojourning "in our midst," with the mental reservation that no declination of his will change Washington customs, and that the Weller committee is probably impervious to a rebuke, no matter how lofty a source from which it may come—not even the Indianapolis World excepted. The inauguration will probably go on along the lines laid down, and it looks as if the Negro can take what is given him, or let it slide—just as he elects—without disturbing the equanimity of the committee in the slightest.

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In Exhibit No. 2 the esteemed Indianapolis World takes your correspondent to task because, forsooth, he suggests that Attorney J. H. Lott be given "something" by the administration commensurate with his intelectual attainments and splendid party service, gagging at the word "something." Mr. Lott desires to be Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, and we gather from the World that he objects to be given any "something" except the aforesaid Recordership. If there were a vacancy in the office sought, or a change likely to be made, and we had the giving out of the place, we know of no candidate to whom we would prefer over Mr. Lott. He is all right, and is making an earnest and aggressive fight for appointment, as he has a perfect warrant to do. We do not see, however, why the very zealous World should fly at our throat because we expressed the hope that Mr. Lott would get "something" that he ought to have, saying nothing derogatory to the gentleman, for he has our highest respect. Let us be calm and "bide a wee."

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Is there to be a change in the Recordership? If so, why? Is not Mr. Cheatham a faithful and popular official? Has he not given satisfaction to the business men of the community? Has he not made improvements in keeping with the growth of the office? Did he not go out into the field and help the McKinley administration to be indorsed at the polls? Would it be either good sense or good public policy to remove a man whose only offense is that he has been serviceable? Is that the way to gain adherents or to hold the strength one already has? If President McKinley is sincere in his declaration, openly made, that he interprets the election to mean that "we are all re-elected"—and we have no reason to doubt him—can it be expected that he will retain his cabinet, foreign ministers, commissioners of pensions and patents, public printer, postmaster at Washington, and all the heads of Presidential bureaus, and then make an exception in the case of Recorder Cheatham by "firing" him out, for no other reason than that somebody else wants his place? Is it logical to think that Mr. McKinley will do this? Granted that Mr. Lott has Indiana behind him; that Mr. Crossland has Missouri behind him; that Mr. Payne has West Virginia behind him; and that Mr. Bradford has Maryland behind him—with a host of receptive candidates, say Gov. Pinchback, Congressman White, Editor Fortune, etc.—what does it all amount to, unless arguments are given to show that a change should be made, or the candidate is willing to take "something" equally as good? White men have to proceed on the theory that they must ask for something in a certain class, naming the place, but may intimate that another place equally desirable would not be refused. The Negro can remember "The Texas Steer" with profit, for most of us wind up, like Fishback, by taking the best that is available. We hope Mr. Lott and the others mentioned will do better than did poor Fishback, for they are men with legitimate callings or ample means.

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Concluding this issue—and we are done with it—we never find fault with the tastes or policies of any individual, as long as he keeps off of our corns, and we will not interefere in this case longer than to record our objection to the too frequent habit of many well-meaning Negroes to solicit only those places that are held or have been held by Negroes. It ought not to follow that because a Negro is now Register that our race has a right in perpetuity to the office. Mr. Lyons will stay because he is there and is rendering good service, just as Mr. Cheatham is doing as Recorder; but should either die or resign, the President would not be in duty bound to fill the vacancy with another Negro—nor is there any reason why he should not. The question of race should not enter. Negroes should be chosen for any position within their capabilities and assigned here and there, according to the demands of the service, regardless of color. Negroes do well to explore new paths, and seek to promote their interests without making it necessary to dislodge another Negro. Cyrus F. Adams is in, holding a place vacated by a white man, and never previously held by a Negro—a distinct gain for the whole race. There are hundreds of good jobs held by white Democrats, to which a working Negro Republican can aspire, with reasonable hope of success. We would prefer to see our men go after these things, and leave the hustling Republican, white or colored, alone. The spoils of office naturally belong to the victors, and the losers must feel that when they stay it is by the winners' generosity or sufferance—the civil service law to the contrary notwithstanding.

We repeat the statement that makes the World so "leary"—we hope Mr. Lott will get "something" commensurate with his admitted worth, and if there is a change scheduled in the Recorder's office, that he will be the lucky man. But we can not escape the conviction that the President will have to be sat up with very continuously to show him why a good Republican like Mr. Cheatham should be put out just to make a place to put Mr. Lott in. We are none the less loyal to Indiana when we face facts candidly, and in a spirit of honest investigation.

We hope Brother Manning will not give your correspondent any more free advertising. We would rather talk about the news of the day and avoid controversy.

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A meeting of the special committee of the National Afro-American Council was held last week in the parlors of the Southern Hotel, Bishop Alexander Walters presiding. After a free discussion it was decided to instruct Mr. Fortune to call a meeting of the general executive committee of the Council to meet in this city March 5 at 11 a. m. Steps will then be taken to further the interests of the organization, to push the prosecution of the Louisiana case, to take steps to put workers in the field and to prepare for the next annual convention, which assembles in Philadelphia in August. A committee was appointed to memorialize the President on the subject of recognition of the race in the reorganization of the army. Hon. George H. White is chairman of the committee, and is developing a plan of action to increase our standing in the military establishment.

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It is now stated that Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback is slated for a paymastership in the reorganized army. That or something better will make the race glad.

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The act of Col. Robert R. Church, of Memphis, Tenn., in giving $1,000 to the fund for the reunion of ex-Confederates is naturally the talk of the hour. We see no reason for complaint. Col. Church was able to give the money, and he did what a public-spirited citizen should do when a big celebration it at hand that will advertize the hospitality and resources of his home town and bring an influx of visitors who are certain to leave some cold cash behind. The war is over, and it is our highest mission now to heal up the enmities growing out of internecine strife, and to meet, half-way at least, any overture from our former masters, looking to a happy issue out of all our afflictions. We must "cast down our buckets where we are" and succeed by making ourselves indispensable to the life about us. The man behind a check cuts a wide swath, and the world takes off its hat to him, even if he is black. Be able to write checks that will be honored at any bank, and you will take a long stride toward preferment. Col. Church has advertised the Negro in a hopeful light, and his $1,000 are well invested. His benevolence is a large edition of the generosity that has been shown by many Negroes toward Southern people.

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Mr. Thomas H. Wright is one of the most active citizens of the District of Columbia. As the leading Odd Fellow among 27 lodges, embracing a membership upwards of 3,000, member of the school board, superintendent of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, manager of the $70,000 hall of the Order and founder of the Odd Fellows' Hall, Mr. Wright has made a deep impress upon the affairs of the town. The Lyceum is making steady progress, and Mr. Wright is devoting much of his time towards bringing it up to his idea of what it should be. Last Sunday Lawyer Reuben S. Smith read a scholarly paper on "Abraham Lincoln," and tomorrow Prof. J. W. Cromwell speaks on "Benjamin Banneker." The professor, by the way, is principal of the Banneker school. He will be recalled by The Freeman's readers as an old journalist, and once ran the People's Advocate in this city with merited success. February 24th M. V. P. Samuel W. Watson discusses "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Order." Visitors to Washington will do well to drop in and see the Odd Fellows' Lyceum. J. B. Askins is the presiding officer.

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The returns from the inquiries sent out by Chief Powers, of the census division of the agriculture, bearing upon the Negro in farm pursuits, are coming in at an encouraging rate, though not so rapidly as their importance warrants. Our people have an unfortunate habit of not answering letters promptly, despite the fact that the matter in hand will often benefit them more than the person who writes originally. We should reply in some way to every communication sent us, and that, too, without delay. Those who have received letters from Mr. Powers should send in all the information at their command—and if they have none, write and say that. Let us make the investigation worth something to the race, so that when the accounts are footed up the Negro will not be behind in the field where we have the widest opportunity—agriculture and the allied callings. Mr. W. T. Ferguson, a bright young colored man, is in charge of this special inquiry, and the interest displayed in our race by Messrs. L. G. Powers and H. T. Newcomb, as evi-

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# TOM THE TATTLER,

## CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

I think some of our saloonkeepers reason thus: "If the mayor closes the saloons on Sunday he should close the churches on week days."

Women should be very careful in their estimate of men. If a man has sunk to such depths he has but one virtue left. when presentzd to them he will wear that one outward.

"Well," said Miss Bread, "I shall not have anything to do with Mr. Butter again. He is becoming such a fraud."

I have not yet, in all my life, found or heard of a whist player that did not think himself unsurpassable. He may be so ignorant of the game that he actually plays his hand without knowing the trump, unless reminded of it, but do not tell him he s not a great whist player, unless you are anxious for a windy argument.

Whist playing is the sensitive part of a man's nature; he will let you tell him he is ugly, he is sloven and ill-mannered, that in his profession he is a quack; you may even go so far as to say he is a brute, and he will take these things with little resentment, but, for goodness sake, if there lurks in your mind the faintest idea that he is not a whist player, even though you are a prince of euphemistic expression, do not give your idea language. Let it slumber in your brain, if you value quiet.

It is hard for me to conceive a man conceitless: it is the alloy in him. Some men have the ability to conceal it more than others, or, if they do show it, they gloss it over so that, unless examined carefully, it will pass as a virtue.

But man gets tired of practicing this deception, and occasionaliy likes to give his conceit full sway; here it is that whist serves him well. Were I asked to give a definition of whist I think I could do no better than by saying it is an outlet for the vanity and conceit lodged in man. Beg pardon, but what are trumps?

If you want a faint conception of hell imagine this world without the women.

Some persons have the habit, as if to overawe us with the ability of those concerning whom they refer to, of indulging in actions and expressions that do the persons of whom they speak more harm than good. They indulge in language made up of superlatives and exaggerated expressions. Slang of the intensest kind which, if carefully looked into and weighed, are enough to make us regard the person spoken of as little less than a God. "Why she's a wonder," "he's a world beater," "he's the hottest ever," and the like, are expressions that every one hears when some admirer is referring to the persons ability. No wonder then we are, as a rule, disappointed when we see that person manifest his or her ability, and discover that it is, if any, just a little above the average. Men are more prone to these exaggerated expressions and fanciful flights than women. There is a sort of innate emulation, characteristic of women, which seasons their tongue with more moderation than those of men; but. with all this, I would rather rely on the average woman's opinion of some person's ability than on the average man's.

A man was punished, the other day, in one of the king's colonies, for saying something derogatory of him. If it were possible in this country to punish a man every time he spoke ill of McKinley, wouldn't we have a big job on our hands.

If I could buy some of our performers for what they were actually worth and sell them for what they thought they were worth, in a very short while I would make the fortune of Rockefeller, Carnegie, etc.—look like thirty cents.

Whenever you hear a man prating about his honesty see that your valuables are safely placed away.

The Count and Countess Boni de Castellane have had their income limited to $200,000 a year by the ruling of a New York court. This is indeed a sad blow for the Countess, who is an American, one of the Gould family, and enough to cause the eyes of her countrymen to be flooded with tears of sympathy. Just think of it! Only a paltry sum of $200,000 to keep the wolf from the door! How frugally they will have to live. Yet, by dint of a most rigid economy, I think they can manage to pull through on this small pittance until such time as the court shall see fit to revoke its ruling, and give Boni the pick and shovel and let him once more begin work on that pile of dollars Jay Gould left.

To any one who has not been in such straightened circumstances as the Castellanes are now in, he can have but a faint idea of how hard it is to eke out an existence on $200,000 a year. I certainly feel sorry for these two poverty-stricken souls, and in their misery and impoverished condition they have my deepest sympathy.

As a sort of gentle hint at economy I would suggest to Boni that he buy his butter, eggs, potatoes and all other household provisions from the vender that sells the most reasonably; and, unless he be too strong for work, or has a Count's distaste to it, he might shovel in the family coal, all of which would be quite a clipping from the expense account. There are innumerable other ways in which the Castellanes can retrench expenses, and thus help themselves out of their dilemma of subsisting on $200,000 a year.

I am pleased to note fashion decrees that women, to be stylish this spring, must wear flat, or pan cake, hats. I know that men will receive this bit of information with much satisfaction, for to them it means a great deal. For a time at least (until fickle fashion reverses her decree) they will be able to sit behind women in our places of amusement and worship, and see what is going on in front of them without the unnecessary straining of the neck Some places, I will admit, have rules and regulations requesting women to remove their hats, but some women are either so perverse, or else they fancy it a lessening of their beauty, that they will not remove their head gear, and, as a result, men sit with their eyesight hemmed in by a wall of tall, formidable looking hats.

The proper thing now for man to do is to see that his wife or sweetheart, and his female friends and acquaintances adopt the latest style of headgear. Admire them. Tell them how much the pancake hat becomes them, even though it may make some of them look as homely as "mud fences." For those of a conscientious nature I will say this is not absolute lying, it is what might be called handling facts for the purpose of expediency. It is that deviation, or turning from the paths of truth, which it pleases us to call diplomacy. Men will go to foreign countries and by neatly-constructed lies, and general dissembling, hood-wink it to their advantage, and on their return home receive the plaudits of their countrymen as great diplomats. To those men who cannot go abroad on these lying, hood-wink, expeditions here is an opportunity to prove how much diplomacy courses through your veins,

At the rate they are building the Chicago post office, I wonder if there is a babe alive today who will live to see it finished?

Andrew Carnegie is tired of business cares and is anxious to dispose of all his business. So he can retire. Are there any performers who would like to buy him, if so address me at once?

TOM THE TATTLER.

"The Black Man" is the caption of an article by Frederick Landis, a young white man in the Illustrated Indiana Weekly. He is new and a very unexpected Richmond in the field. The gage of battle has been thrust before him, he takes it, the pledge of battle in the Negroes' defense.

We naturally turn to the writer who has nothing in common with the Negro, with an inquisitive eye, and ask the question, are you prepared? Can you be an Ishmaelite, battling against the hands of all men? Or is the sense of poetical justice so deeply rooted that the very soul cries out in opposition to those untoward things that is the lot of the sons of Ham. The soul, if thus fortified, will be proof sufficient against designing men or devils. "Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just." Yes, but the flesh is weak, can it stand the strain?

"Greece in her single heroes strove in vain,
But now hosts oppose thee and thou must be slain."

However, we do not seek to discourage the young man. If his youth, fortune and all be placed upon the altar for the good of the common country, he is a patriot whose name should be written above them all. He loved his fellow man. God moves in a mysterious way, with a worm he may thrash a mountain. This young man, a knight of a knightless age, may point the way to that peace and happiness as should exist between the peoples of God. It may be that the youthful zeal will become contagious and run as fire in dry stubble, or as Peter, the Hermit, fire this vast domain with christianly resolves; a greater love for one another and greater reverence for Him that holds the destiny of the human family in His hands. Whether he continues in the lists or falters by the way, we have the first offering of his heart—that first heart which, if allowed untrammelled freedom seldom errs when it comes to the consideration of the rights of others. He says:

"It were extravagant to observe that northern snobs are worse than southern fiends; also that the simple fact that in this hour it is possible for a single man to gore his way through justice to a conviction that malice is aristocratic, is an infamy of such proportions as to overshadow every progress and in the eye of God Almighty to turn our banners back toward the darkness. It were wholesome to revive old truths.

The gospel of fairness may age but never die. It may not be a violent diversion to read extracts from the yellowed volume of the Fathers at the fireside of this young cycle. No man is respectable simply because he is white—the penitentiaries prove it. No man is bad simply because he is black—the gentlest pages of the past attest it. A white man who disregards the rights of a black man is as bad as a black man who disregards the rights of a white man and every man of every color, race or creed, who attends to his own affairs is made in the image of the Maker and all others high or low, are spurious stuff from pewter molds.

If a black man commit a crime he should be punished, not for his color, but for his crime, and whites suffer the same. While one may deplore the presence of the mob, the provocation is capable of being swiftly understood and Indiana shudders most, not when she beholds the lifeless victim, but when the mob proceeds to proscribe an entire race.

This act proves that the germ of racial hatred is here. Never, never has the white race been arraigned for the foul offense of one of its representatives and inasmuch as we refuse to be judged by Holmes or Leutgart or Pat Crowe, so should we scorn to be unjust. A crime may be indeed, unspeakable. but the sweeping damnation of a race entire therefor is worse than any infamy ever forged by Pluto."

Tuskegee, Ala., January 26, 1901.

Mr. Geo. L Knox, Editor Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.: My Dear Sir—Our usual Tuskegee Negro Conference is to be held at Tuskegee, Feb. 20 and 21. I enclose formal invitation and wish to urge your presence at this conference session. We can see the far-reaching effect and influence of these annual sessions. They are greatly helping our people throughout the South. We wish you to understand that we wish you to be the guest of the institution while here. The usual reduced rates of one and one-third fare have been secured from all points south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers. Yours very truly,

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The House committee on agriculture gave a hearing last week on the Grout bill to extend to the District of Columbia for the benefit of Howard University the agricultural land grant act. Dr. J. E. Rankin, President of Howard University; Prof. W. H. H. Hart, Prof. L. B. Moore and Prof. W. P. Hay appeared before the committee and explained the needs of Howard University. Mr. Grout also made a plea in behalf of the education of the Negro race, and spoke in glowing terms of the work done by Howard University. It is thought the bill will pass.

Elkhart, Ill., Jan. 7, 1901.

Mr. Knox, Editor Freeman, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Dear Sir—Kind friend I will drop you a few lines to let you now that I received my Christmas number and many thanks in it was perfect.

Very respectfully,
MRS EMMA GIBBS, Box 17.

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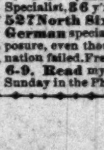
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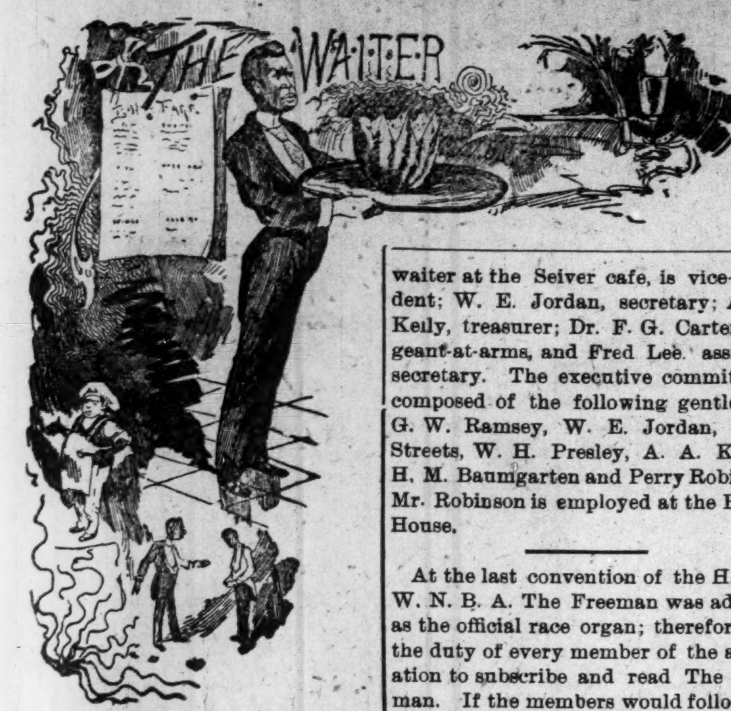

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**W. FORREST COZART.**

Mrs. Geo. Bright, of Cleveland, Ohio, was called to Paris, Ill., last week to attend her mother, who was seriously ill, but is much better at this writing. Mrs. Bright is the wife of Geo. Bright, who is employed at the Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio.

A very pretty white girl committed suicide in Cleveland, Ohio, recently on account of her desperate love for one of the bell boys employed at a well-known hotel in that city.

The waiters in Washington, D. C., are now living in clover and expect to reap a good reward during the inauguration. That is right, boys, make hay while the sun shines.

The death of Mr. Warren Leland, Jr., at the Grenoble Hotel, New York City, January 21, removes the last conspicuous figure of that great hotel family. Mr. Warren Leland, Jr., was manager of the Hotel Ingram during the World's Fair, and later was in charge of the Oglethorpe Hotel, Brunswick, Ga., and the Kimball House, Atlanta, Ga.

Chef A. Wilson has been appointed chef in the House Restaurant, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. Here is good luck to you, chef, hoping that you will become entangled in a sufficient quantity of glue and "stick" to your new position.

Geo. R. Crawford is now headwaiter in the House Restaurant, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. Mr. Crawford formerly conducted an employment agency at 55 S. Main street, Providence, R. I. Mr. Crawford makes Boston his home now.

Sandy Brown, better known in Chicago and other cities as "Sandy, the Penman," is now residing at 730 Clifton street, Philadelphia, Pa.

H. F. Still, who has been headwaiter and steward in a hotel at Allentown, Pa., for several months, has resigned that position, and is now visiting relatives at Hightstown, N. J. Mr. Still will return to his home at 1639 Fitzwater street, Philadelphia, Pa., next week, where he will take a little rest before he begins the summer season.

Beverly Ford, a waiter, who has been employed at a railroad eating house at Poplar Bluff, Mo., is now residing at 3322 Franklin Ave., St. Louis. Beverly is an old Nashville, Tenn., boy.

The editor of this department acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to be present at the seventh anniversary of Quaker City Lodge No. 3550 G. U. O. of O. F., which was celebrated in honor of her mother, Good Hope Lodge No. 1122 at Equity Hall, 1026 Lombard street, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 30.

If the colored head and side waiters will but heed the signs of the times they will begin in time to prepare themselves for the European service. The American plan style, go as you please, hammer and tong fashion will not do in European houses. Do you understand?

Joseph Palmer, a waiter, who has been employed for a long time at the Northwestern depot restaurant in Chicago, Ill., died January 1st in that city after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Palmer's health began to fail him about a year ago, which culminated in his death. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. About one and a half years ago Mr. Palmer married Mrs. Florence Henderson, widow of the late Floyd Henderson, who was for three years headwaiter at the Ontario Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Palmer has the sympathy of her many friends.

The Afro-American Club, a political club, has been organized in the new 22d ward in Chicago, and Geo. W. Ramsey, an ex-waiter, and formerly manager of the "Conservator" in that city, has been elected president. W. H. Presley, headwaiter at the Seiver cafe, is vice-president; W. E. Jordan, secretary; A. A. Keily, treasurer; Dr. F. G. Carter, sergeant-at-arms, and Fred Lee, assistant secretary. The executive committee is composed of the following gentlemen: G. W. Ramsey, W. E. Jordan, J. B. Streets, W. H. Presley, A. A. Kelley, H. M. Baumgarten and Perry Robinson. Mr. Robinson is employed at the Briggs House.

At the last convention of the H. & S. W. N. B. A. The Freeman was adopted as the official race organ; therefore it is the duty of every member of the association to subscribe and read The Freeman. If the members would follow the above advice the association could make all announcements through The Freeman, and thus save hundreds of dollars each year spent for stamps, printing circulars and stationery. The president is constantly receiving letters from some member of the association seeking information, etc., concerning the doings of the association. It requires money to reply to these inquiries, which would be saved if the members would all read their official organ and then all news of importance would be published. But what is the use of publishing anything about the association if the members do not see it. The H. & S. W. N. B. A. is a successful organization, and is here to stay, but, like all other colored organizations, it has few members who believe that an organization can be run on wind and ignorant suggestions. Such members never pay their dues nor assessments, but to hear them talk one would think that they were the real power behind the throne.

Chas. McCard, headwaiter at Newell's Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa., and treasurer of the H. & S. W. N. B. A., is doing more to teach the colored waiters of Pittsburg the art of European plan waiting than any other headwaiter in the United States. Mr. McCard holds school on Thursday afternoons of each week, during which time he lectures his waiters, asks and answers all questions pertaining to the service. Such proceedings are of more interest and value to the young European waiter, and he learns more in one afternoon than he would otherwise in three months. We hope that other European plan headwaiters will adopt the above system.

Our good friend, Geo. J. Wilson, headwaiter at the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, and reputed to be the finest looking headwaiter that ever put on a full dress suit, writes that he is still doing business at the same old stand.

Chas. Johnston, who had the honor of putting in a colored crew to succeed white waiters at the Griswold Hotel, Pittsburg, last summer, has returned as headwaiter to the Bolton Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Johnston was formerly in charge of the Bolton and thoroughly understands his new position. Colored waiters are still employed at the Griswold, and it is on the European plan too.

W. R. Jackson is the efficient headwaiter for DeKlyn, the leading caterer of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Jackson is a cool and level headed young man, and possesses all the qualities required to make a successful executive officer. Mr. Jackson is a brother of the late H. F. Martin.

Thos. H. Frame, the affable headwaiter at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis, Ind., writes that he is much pleased with his new position and is doing nicely. Mr. Frame resigned from the Beckel, Dayton, Ohio, to take the Columbia. He is greatly missed at the Beckel, where he gave general satisfaction.

The following letter is self explanatory;

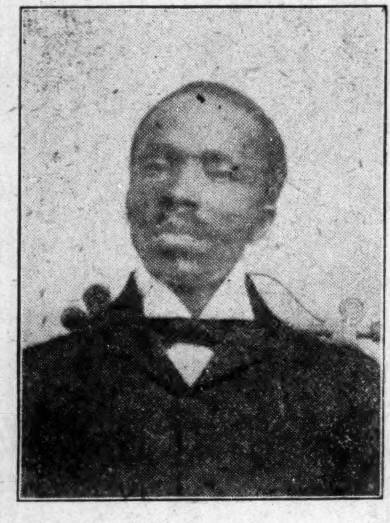
My Dear Sir and Brother—It becomes my painful duty to notify you of the death of our beloved brother, George Washington, headwaiter at the Forest City House, Cleveland, Ohio, who died suddenly of heart disease December 25, 11 p. m. The beloved deceased was vice-president of the H & S. W. N. B. A. for the State of Ohio, and leaves a wife and two children. Therefore you are hereby notified of your legal obligation to his beneficiaries, and is assessed one dollar for the relief of same, to be paid within thirty days according to the by-laws and constitution of this official notice. Kindly remit assessments, payable to the president, Mr. W. Forrest Cozart, Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio.

I am yours fraternally,
E. T. MONTGOMERY,
Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. "Doc." Cross, who resides at 503 Hyde street, San Francisco, Cal., writes:

Mr. W. F. Cozart, dear sir—Allow me to congratulate you upon your good work that you are doing for the colored waiters, and I assure you that your work is highly appreciated. San Francisco has four hotels that employ colored waiters. They are as follows: The California, Savoy, Baltimore and the old Russ House, which just put in colored waiters this week for the first time in its history. Oakland, Cal., has two houses that run colored waiters, and San Jose has one. Mr Spencer Wooden, an old Indianapolis boy is spending the winter in Frisco. Messrs Hocking and Williams are our leading caterers. Mr. Hocking is proprietor of a very fine cafe on Mason street, and Mr. Williams' place of business is on Abborell street. Mr. A. Smiley came up from San Jose, last week, to take charge of the morning watch at the Hotel Arlington, Oakland. The three leading headwaiters of Frisco are Messrs. E. C. Burris, Nat Wall and John Murrel. The following eastern boys send regards to their old friends: Messrs. Wm. McClowess, Henry Morgan, Frank Johnson, Spencer Wooden, Dave Anderson, Henry Bell and S. M. Rogers. S. M. Rogers is now employed by the government. Mr. Joseph Anderson left for Tacoma, Washington, last week. Fred Mysell, J. Stands and Chas Robertson are employed at the Russ House. M. C. Young, headwaiter at the Arlington Hotel, Oakland, contemplates giving another ball in the near future

## PROMINENT HOTEL MEN



W. G. Thurston, Headwaiter of the Forest City House, Cleveland, O.

Mr. W G. Thurston was, a few days ago, appointed headwaiter of the Forest City Hotel, one the oldest and best known hotels in the Western Reserve.

Mr. Thurston was born in Louisa, Va., August 17, 1865. His early life was spent on the farm. He, like other country boys, soon tired of country life, and, in 1883, went to the city of Richmond, Va. He was employed at the old Tivola restaurant, at the corner of 13th and Cary streets. From there he went to Milford, Va, to the Milford Hotel, and from there to Washington, D. C., where he was employed in the United States Engineer Corps. In 1890 he came to Grafton, W. Va, and was there employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Mr. Thurston desired to push his way farther West, coming to Cleveland in June, 1891, and was employed as side waiter there until 1892, and on the 22d day of June of that year he was rewarded by being made second headwaiter, which position he filled until December 25, 1900, when death suddenly called home Mr. George Washington, who was then headwaiter, and had been for a number of years. The death of Mr. Washington is a great loss to the hotel fraternity as he was one, if not the best known headwaiter in the Western Reerve.

Mr. Thurston, the successor of Mr. Washington, is quiet and unassuming. He is an ardent christian worker, having been licensed to preach the gospel in 1898. He is also an officer of the Y. M. C. A., having served in most every capacity in his church from clerk to assistant pastor. He is also an Odd Fellow, a member of the Head and Second Waiters' Benefit Association, an organization which secures such positions for head and second waiters. Mr. Thurston was so well liked by his employers that they placed him in this position, and he did not need the aid of the association. We wish him much success.

### St. Paul Doings.

Saint Paul, Minnesota, Special.—Mr. Banister, father in law of J. Q. Adams, is lying at death's door. Major D. Pettis died Jan. 23; he was one of St. Paul's most enterprising men and his death is deeply deplored by many friends. Mr. Pettis was one of our wealthiest citizens, and leaves behind a loving wife and one child. The funeral occurred at St. James A. M. E. church, of which he was a member. Long before the hour of the funeral great crowds were turned away, owing to the crowded condition of the church. Rev. Cohren, of St. Joseph, Mo., has proved himself quite an revivalist for 42 have come to Christ in the last two weeks of his successful meetings at Pilgrim Baptist church. Miss M. Gerldine Williams has been confined to her home for the past week with la grippe. Ernest Reed, a young colored boy, has been indicted by the grand jury for stealing razors from his employer, W. J. Uttley. Frank Turner has enlisted in the army and has gone to California. W. B. Elliott, of Seattle, made his mother a short visit. Dr. O. D. Howard, a successful osteopathist, has opened nice offices in the suite 409 Baltimore block. J. Edgar Murphy, an employe of the Enterprise Clothing Co., is out again after a slight attack of the grippe. Dr. Howard received word that his Brother David, well known in this city, was dead. David Cotton has returned from Chicago. Miss Irene Harper, of Minneapolis and Mr. Wayne, of this city, were married Jan. 30. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne will be at home Feb. 15 at 576 Martin street, this city. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding Combs have taken little Maynard Maxwell to rear. Her mother died recently.

### Around Town.

Rockford, Ill., Special.—The quarterly meeting of the A. M. E. was held on the 27 ult. The services were conducted by Presiding Elder Gaines, of Chicago. A liberal contribution was made by those present, and a love feast was held the Monday evening following. Under the ministration of Rev. S. B. Moore the church seems to have taken a new lease of life. He is bending every energy to remove the burden of debt from the church, and with good prospect of success. He has also organized a new choir which is proving an attraction. The sad news came Tuesday morning to Captain Watson, of this city, of the death of his wife in Chicago, where she was visiting her son. Captain Watson has the sympathy of many friends in his bereavement. He has conducted a barber shop for many years and has the regard and respect of all who know him.

### From Texas.

Galveston, Tex., Special.—Miss Hattie Depot, of Houston, Tex., is in the city visiting friends and relatives. Miss Mattie Matterson, of Bayou City is visiting relatives and friends here. Miss O. C. Jordan, of Houston, has come to spend awhile in the island city, and takes The Freeman. Mrs. J. W. Balliew, who keeps the finest restaurant in Galveston, has been added to the list of The Freeman readers. Matt Roach, an employe of the T. & O. R. R., company, was badly hurt on Jan 2 at Beaumont, Tex.; he arrived in this city Jan. 27 for a brief visit. Mrs. Alma Taylor has recovered from her recent illness. Mrs. Amie Stewart, 29th street, and Mrs. L. Black, 26th street, are on the sick list. Buddie Glenn has resigned the stage managership at the Olympic theatre and closed his engagement, and expects to start a business of his own shortly.

### Newsy Items.

Vicksburg Miss., Special.—A brilliant entertainment was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fountain on East Main street Friday night at 8:30, Feb. 1. The guest of honor being Miss Annie Johnson, of Jackson, Miss. Refreshments were served in abundance. The following young people enjoyed themselves on this occasion: Misses Annie Johnson, Osey Hammons, Emma Platt, Emma Plump, Clara Rose, Julia Bolton, Jessie Jackson, Fannie Hammons, Belle Olin, Lucy Moore, Sadie and Newton; Messrs. Rosco Young, John Porterfield, Frank Rose, Wash Patton, Albert Dorsey, Arthur Nightingale, C. Leonard Buckner, King H. Sterling, Will Jermerson and Richard Jackson. The Freeman can be had for 5 cents a copy; Orange U. Taylor, agent.

### And They Were Wed.

Quinnimont, W. Va., Special.—The many friends of Miss Rachael W. Thomas, of Montgomery W. Va., will be surprised to know that she was married Dec. 27, 1900, to J. Wilson Lewis of this place. Mr. and Mrs Lewis are at home to their many friends at Quinnimont, W. Va. We wish them a long and prosperous life.

### Chillicothe Splashes.

Chillicothe, Mo., special: The Freeman should be placed in every home of our city. We will tell you something of our city and its people in the near future. * * Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. Church Sunday, the 27th ult. Rev. R. L. Beal, Presiding Elder of the district, conducted the meeting. * * The Fancy Work Club was entertained Friday afternoon, Feb. 1, by Mrs. Williams. * * Mrs. J. S. Lee, of St. Josephs, visited relatives a few days last week. * * Mr. Cal Lee, of Brookfield, spent Sunday in Chillicothe. * * Read The Freeman and keep posted. * * Mr. Arthur Wright is having a new four-room cottage built on South Conn street. * * Mr. Creed Jones has almost recovered from a painful accident received a few weeks ago. His many friends are glad to see him out again. * * Mrs. Chas. Johnson entertained a few of her friends last Thursday afternoon.

Bethel Literary and Historical Association is an intellectual force in this community. It is known throughout the land and for several years has brought more fame to Metropolitan A. M. E. Church than has the preaching from the pulpit. Prof. Kelly Miller, a ripe scholar, professor of mathetmatics at Howard University, is now the presiding officer. Last Tuesday's meeting was "An Evening With Robert Burns," under the auspices of "The Book Lovers." The program was as follows: "Antecedents and Early Life of Burns," Mrs. Bettie C. Francis; "Love Affairs of Burns," Mrs. Mary Church Terrell; music (from Burns), Mrs. A. F. Hilyer; "Literary Career of Burns," Mrs. Rosetta E. Lawson; "Selections from Burns," Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook; "Burns' Philosophy," Miss Ida A. Gibbs.

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ALBERT AYRES.
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## SOUTH VS. NORTH.

The Dallas Morning News of Dallas, Texas, seems to be very much wrought over the recent happenings at Evansville, Ind. It had, a few days ago, quite an article on the situation under the caption, "The Evansville Method." It reads as follows:

"Some portions of the United States may be looked upon as free country, but 'liberty' and 'equality' are no longer the words in Illinois, Indiana and certain other States, whence came the soldier in blue to liberate the slaves of the South some forty years ago."

It pays its respects to ex-Governor Tanner of Illinois anent the miner's difficulty, and passes on.

"Now comes the Board of Safety of Evansville, Ind, ordering the police to arrest all unknown Negroes and take them before the city police judge If these Negroes cannot give any reason for being in Evansville they are to be sentenced to the rock pile It has heretofore been supposed that men of any color might live where they pleased until convicted of violating the laws Accepting as correct the statement that there are 2,000 Negro men in Evansville who absolutely refuse to work. it must appear that the Negro in the South is a better citizen than he becomes after he has crossed the line; for, as a rule, the Negro in the South is industrious enough to be self-sustaining."

"Industrious enough to be self-sustaining." That's good. Just men are getting their dues now.

"The Evansvile movement especially against the blacks, when that town and other towns have whites as well as blacks who refuse either to toil or to spin, leads the Florida Times-Union and Citizen to say: 'It is becoming more and more apparent every day that there is really less race prejudice at the South than in sections of the North where any large number of Negroes live. The races understand each other better here, and they live on more friendly terms than they would in States further North.'

"Understand each other better here." Its improving. It threatens to assume the servant girl problem phase of our national life—beg them—please stay.

"While the Evansvile method was a partial and radieal plan which cannot be justified on any legal ground, it becomes more apparent every day that some effective laws for the suppression of vagrancy, regardless of color or sex, must be adopted, especially in the larger cities, as a means of self-defense."

Hear him! "Regardless of color." And that's what we are contending for, this regardless of color idea. Lynching is abominable enough, but more so because reserved especially for Negroes. Burning at the stake, if legal and applied to white men, who has as good a right to be burnt as any one else, as well as black men, it would not be protested. But to our Texas friend:

"If Evansville authorities could be prevailed upon to enlarge the rule so that it may be applied to all races, the exception taken to it might be overcome. In the course of time something more than we are doing now must be done to put down vagrants in Texas. It is not out of order to suggest that the first step which it may be found necessary to take in ridding the country of these barnacles may be some movement to deprive them of their power at the polls"

Dr. Majors, who resides in Dallas, Texas, has always said that human beings could live there. He always insisted that they were just like other people. He was then in this office. We have scratched our editorial head time and time again on hearing such assertions made, which always meant that he lied. We dared not tell him so, in so many words, because he was from Texas, and we have always understood that they were not particular as to what they did or to whom they did it to. But, however, if the editor of this daily is a fair sample, we cheerfully change our views concerning the whole business.

It may be through pique that the Dallas News thus holds up the North. It matters not what may have been the motive it has ennunciated some economic principles and truths that will well befit any community. Apply the laws horrizontally!

## NEGRO NEWSPAPERS.

A few years ago it was the opinion of the thinkers of the race that the Negro newspaper would soon be a thing of the past. The general assent to that opinion was due to what then seemed to be the converging of racial lines. But time and circumstances, like ocean currents, trade winds and other influences have influenced those lines out of their tendency producing unexpected conditions. Those lines that at one time bid fair to converge have in recent years assumed a dead parallelism that threatens to maintain far into the future.

The racial millenium is not at hand, and makers of the Negro newspaper will have plenty to do in preparing for it. It is not always loved as it should be, nor is any good thing or cause, but it is doing more than any other single agency in helping to pave the way to the future.

Bishop Grant, of the A. M. E church, has just been paying a glowing tribute to the makers of Negro newspapers through a christian publication of Atlanta, Ga. He recognizes their worth and understands the cause of their short comings. He feels that if they were supported financially much of the adverse comment would not be heard.

The Negro newspaper has a mission to perform, and it is it only that can perform it. Our large dailies with their ample facilities, mammoths as they are, cannot thread along the lowly ways of Negro existence, reflecting back its smallish life. And, if there are no such aids, then good-bye to race hopes.

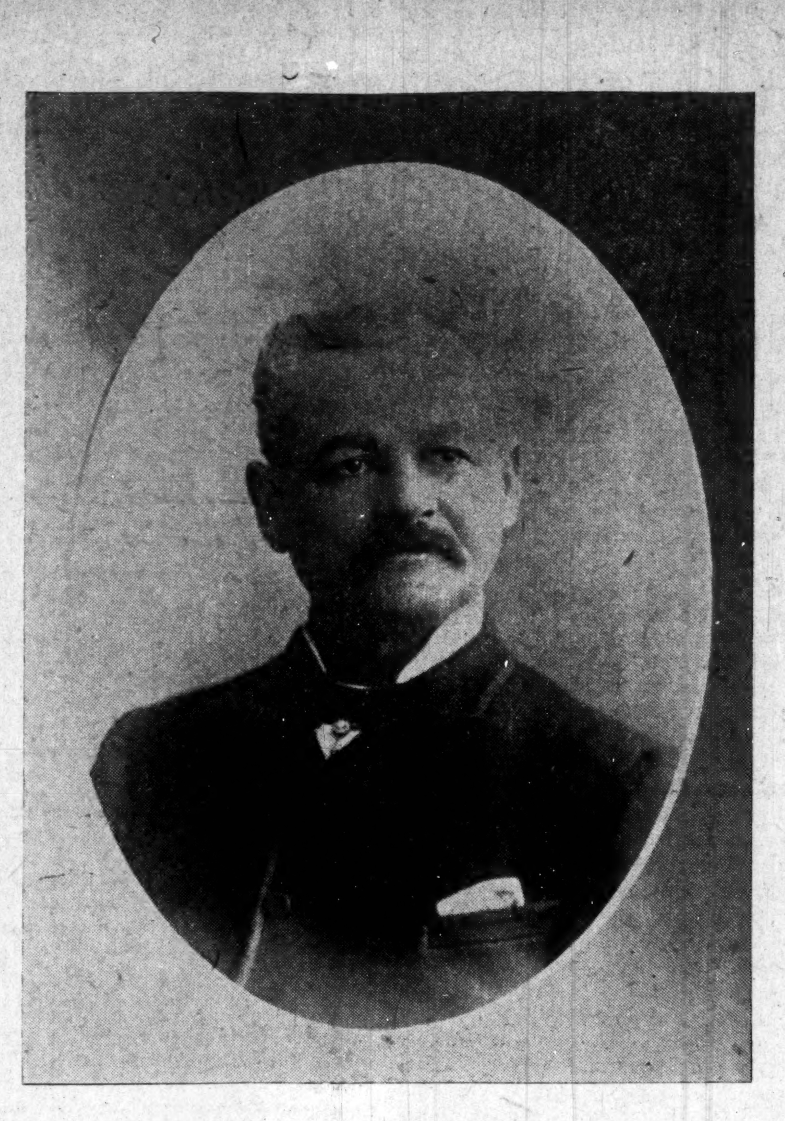
It is the Negro editor who paces the rampart daily, or, perched high in tower, sweeps the fields with his glasses, giving warning of approaching danger. The dangers of latter years have fallen thick and fast—the fields are studded, and the duty of the newspaper grows none the less.

Too much praise cannot be given to those who out of pure love of race elevation sacrificed time and money to realize their ideas. There are but few of these institutions that pay, yet without them w,hat then?

As has been well said, the Negro newspaper is the Negro's Forum; it is here, and here only, that he can have the pleading of his cause; it is here that many of the vile lies and much of the malicious slander so brazenly uttered are flung back in the face of those from which it sprang; it is here that the lynched victim gets to speak, to speak through poor dumb mouths, made so as much by envy, hatred and pure cussedness as by awful crimes. The party of the second part can petition here and have his claims aired to the world that men can see man's inhumanity to man.

It is safe to say that, if some destroying agency could at one time wreck every Negro newspaper in the land it would be but a short time before the known horrors of America would increase tenfold.

Notwithstanding the value of them they are not appreciated as they should be.



HON. ROBERT R. CHURCH, of Memphis, Tenn.,

The Ex-Slave who gave his check for $1.000 to assist in re-union of the Confederates which meets in that city in May. This enobling act has brought him into National prominence and reflects great credit to the race he represents.

## IN INDIANA.

Rockport, Evansville and a few other river towns of Indiana are causing quite a deal of adverse comment owing to the late anti negro agitation. The basis of this late movement is at the very foundrtion is politics The Rockport lynching has somewhat accelerated the movement, and it has now a two-fold aspect as was recently demonstated—political supremacy and the dispersion of the Negroes.

The community of Rockport is Republican, made so, it is held, by the Negro vote. In municipal affairs they are not certain, but could be relied on in State and National campaigns. The Democrats have given up all hopes of securing the State to Democracy as long as this solid vote exists. They were not slow in expressing themselves immediately after the last campaign, when they insisted that they would have to resort to heroic remedies. The lynching was opportune to the design, for all were inflamed—members of either party—out of which inflamation grew the crusade against Negroes generally. But when one hundred and more Negroes to two white men were arraigned for vote selling, which arraignment had for its object disfranchisement as the penalty, it could be plainly seen that the Democrats were accomplishing their ends with the aid of Republicans. The Republicans protested, as they soon saw they were cutting off their own noses to spite their faces. The situation was compromised finally by disfranchising forty Negroes for ten years.

Thus we have engrafted on our own institutions a patch of skin from the South It may be that the law is being obeyed in the matter. But to wait so many years before discovering the necessity for acting seems more a persecution than a prosecution. The result is not so much to be considered as the intention. What have the whites of these localities in mind? What is the object?

Not disfranchisements alone, but the word has been sent out that the Negroes must go. Work is being denied in order that they do go. This inhuman practice does not have much to say in favor of the whites of those localities, to whom the Negroes have become so suddenly objectionable.

Mr. W. O. Tyler, a young Negro student of the Indiana University of Bloomington, Ind., succeeded in carrying off the honors in an oratorical contest in which representatives from a half dozen colleges participated. The contest was held in Indianapolis, February 7th. Mr. Tyler chose for his theme the "Middle West." He captured his audience from the very start, holding it until he had uttered his last word. He spoke as a prophet of the great possibilities of the West. He feels that it will be the theatre of the civilized peoples of the western world. The germs are there now, and it will only be but a short while before it assumes the station mapped out by destiny. Mr. Tyler has a good voice and pleasing delivery. It will be understood that he was the only Negro among the contestants. He acquitted himself with credit to the institution that honored him and honored his race.

If the Peak bill passes, which has been introduced in the Legislature of Tennessee, it promises great harm; it will prohibit white teachers from teaching in Negro schools of that State. There are many institutions, such as Morristown Academy, Roger Williams University, Knoxville College, Fisk University, Lemoyne Institute, Walden University, that have been endowed, and are maintained, or partially so, by white organizations principally of the North. The interruption of the progress of these schools will be justly considered vicious legislation. The author of the bill certainly goes out of his way to attack them. The public school systems are divorced, and these private institutions should rest secure from legislative wiles. The thousands of dollars invested in buildings belong to the institutions maintaining those schools. It is their right to use their funds as they see it. If the bill prevails it may be the means of abandoning those well kept institutions that are doing so much for the education of young colored men and women. It may be that Mr. Peak is venting his spleen, and if his bill succeeds he will succeed most admirably. But it is to be hoped that the eloquence of Mr. Peak will not prevail against the staid, sober sensed Tennesseeans who, in the end, will have to care for the Negroes.

## PENCILINGS.

Apropos the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Mr. George E. Powell has sent The Freeman a few verses which are fresh from his pen. The writer will be remembered as the author of that delightful poem "The Nigger Ninth" The poem eulogizes that body of fighting blacks that behaved so heroically at San Juan Hill. It may be that some Negroes took exception to the title or the word nigger in it, supposing that it was a satire rather than a eulogy. As it concerns myself I cannot conceive of a more striking title than "The Nigger Ninth." It at once suggests dramatic fire, which is borne out by the very excellent verses.

The poem has not been generally printed, but it should have been so, especially in Negro papers, magazines, etc. It has been published in a few books, one of them being the History of the Negro Soldiers in the Spanish-American War by Edward A. Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C. The poem is the best of those called forth by the late war Here follows two verses selected from the middle of the poem:

"Charge!" "charge!" the bugle peals again;
'Tis life or death for Roosevelt's men!—
T e Mausers make reply!
Aye! speechless are those swarthy sons
Save for the clamor of the guns—
Their only battle-cry!
The lowly stain upon each face,
The taunt still fresh of prouder race,
But speeds the step that springs a pace,
To succor or die!

With rifles hot—to waist-band nude;
The brawn beside the pampered dude,
The cow boy king—one grave—and rude—
To shelter him who falls!
One breast—and bare—howe'er begot
The low, the high—one common lot;
The world's distinction all forgot
When Freedom's bugle calls!

Those who have not seen the verses can form some judgment as to the excellency of the whole thirteen. Mr. Powell's poem "Lincoln" will be read with interest.

The following letter speaks for itself:

LaCrosse, Wis., Feb. 7, 1901.

Geo. L. Knox, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Sir—Less you should infer I had forgotten you, I herewith send you a tribute to Abraham Lincoln for your anniversary number, and less you should conclude that I had neglected The Freeman, I will tell you that this is the only poem I have produced in a year, and this written expressly for Freedom's leading journal of the world—one of the few journals printed that has the courage to believe, and the hardihood to attempt and endeavor to maintain that when the fathers wrote in the first clause of the Declaration of Independence, the self-evident truth, "All men are created equal," they meant just what was written. And though cowards may slink from facing, retreat and avoid, this imperishable truth, while memory remembers, and aeons venerate, the name of Abraham Lincoln you can hug the consoling unction to your hearts that the grandest the noblest character America has produced, the world honored, and heaven crowned, earned all in the enforcement of these principles—of which The Freeman is the humble advocate.

Sincerely,
GEO. E. POWELL.

### LINCOLN.*

BY GEO. E POWELL.

A pillar—the granite of manhood;
Yet lacking the flint of the stone:
Rough hewn f om the quarries of nature,—
The hand-work of Freedom alone.

A base, in the loam of earth's bosom;
A caput, cloud-crested on high;
A column——a-vibrant——uniting
The voices of earth and the sky.

A thrill with the throb of the lowly!—†
The plea from the lash and the grave!
A jar!——and then shatter, forever,
The shackles that fetter the slave!

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"O, why should the spirit of mortal be proud"‡
Of the fate that has fashioned its birth,
When, cast an immortal, is found in the mold
The lowliest clay of the earth?

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NOTE: *He towered so far above his fellows that his ears caught the songs of the choir of Heaven.

† "To nobly save, or meanly lose, the last, best hope of earth."—A. L.

‡ This line, the caption of his favorite poem, Abraham Lincoln never seemed to tire of quoting.—Author.

A few more verses, while they are going, are in order. These following stand for an idea, but which is so subtle, so fleeting as to be almost unnameable. "Chafing,' however, seems a natural name, suggested by the attempt itself:

### CHAFING.

The lingering coals sank to repose,
Neath their cowls of ashen white.
The negligent winds nor stirs nor blows
To chafe them thus bedight;
But Boreas, gray, of the lordly sway;
Invigored of the halting tread;
The leaden ashes soon sped away;
Reviving the quick of the dead.

My fugitive soul, as a lingering coal,
Would to slumber sink, or die.
Where negligent wiles cease to unfold
To encompass hell and I.
But crowding on; the sense of great wrong,
As the Amazon plunging along its way,
To the deathless bourne of the trackless storm,
Holding the flood-tide at bay.

But the human soul is more than a coal
That can be chafed by the chafing breeze.
Firmer it shall stand as the voice that told
Its mes age from across the seas.
If a skillful cheat, a mirage feat,
To urge me beyond the quay.
Yet my Christ it shall be—a deliverance sweet,
And I, its Peter of Galilee. —Lewis.

## VALEDICTORY OF THE NEGRO

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denced by his appointment, should be appreciated everywhere.

The influence of the Pen and Pencil Club is being potently felt in the intellectual circles of Washington. Though young in point of age, it is reckoned with in every movement designed to make for a larger life and the development of healthful public sentiment. The February meeting of the Club was the most successful of the series. Mr. Robert Pelham, Jr., of Michigan, affectionately remembered as the hustling editor of the Detroit Plain Dealer, was the host of the occasion and his cosy home, at 2518 Brightwood avenue, was filled with the merry knights of the quill, who made the welkin ring with their witticisms amid the transaction of serious business. Mrs. Pelham, a lady of rare culture and social temperament, assisted her versatile husband in entertaining. The menu was quite elaborate, and was discussed to the limit by the representatives of the calling that is proverbially hungry and thirsty—although, in this case, the latter propensity was satisfied by nothing more exhiliarating than a huge bowl of deliciously concocted punch. The feature of the evening was a mock civil service examination, arranged by "Commissioner" Pelham, in which the whole company was put through some most interesting tests in its knowledge of race and contemporaneous history. The questions were splendid memory-brighteners, and it was surprising how many simple facts concerning noted persons and events "threw down" the best informed men of the organization. Other clubs could try this form of amusement with a great deal of profit. The prize, a handsome pen and pencil, was apparently won by Mr. W. L. Houston, but a question arising over the marking of the papers, that gentleman gracefully presented the trophy to Mrs. Pelham, and all was serene. The March meeting will be entertained by Attorney W. L. Pollard.

In accordance with the established custom, the public schools will observe George Washington's birthday. Exercises will be held in all the buildings on the afternoon of the 21st. Every member of the Pen and Pencil Club has been invited to participate in the day's observance, and the gentlemen will all orate upon the virtues of the nation's first President. The courtesy was extended by the school committee of the Board of Trade, through the good offices of Mr. John W. F. Smith, the capable assistant secretary of the Board of Education. The recognition adds to the prestige of the Club.

Is Virginia to set a precedent for the Legislatures of the land? Is the Old Dominion to outdo her sisters in honoring the Negro's greatest apostle of modern education? It would seem so from the cordiality with which an invitation to hear Booker T. Washington was accepted by the members of the Virginia Assembly. The invitation came from the Business Men's League of Richmond, and resolutions indicating acceptance were introduced in the two branches by Senator Munford and Delegate Anderson, which were unanimously adopted, and the leaders paid a high tribute to the character and work of Mr. Washington. The address was delivered Monday evening and the daily press extolled its wisdom, moderation and thoroughly practical tone. Mr. Washington never fails to surpass expectations, however lofty, and leaves behind him a kindlier feeling for the oppressed Negro than existed before his coming.

Second Baptist Lyceum moves on in the even tenor of its way, and the formation of other bodies, meeting at the same hour, has no effect upon the crowd that fill its auditorium every Sunday. Lieut. E. R. Gaither, of New Jersey, talked interestingly last Sunday on "The Negro in the Professions," and urged concentration of purpose and fidelity to ideals as the key-note of success. Lieut. R. E. Toomey, the Lyceum's poet laureate, recited an original poem entitled "Mutation,' 'and Mr. William Carter, basso of St. Luke's choir, rendered a new version of "Rock of Ages." For the next few weeks the program has been arranged as follows:

February 17—"Douglass Day." Rev. W. Bishop Johnson.

February 24—Dr. W. A. Croffut, secretary of the Washington Anti-Imperialist League. Subject to be announced.

March 3—Inauguration day. Mr. Henry Y. Arnett, "America's Present Status in the Philippines."

March 17—Prof. Robert H. Terrell, principal of Washington High School.

March 24—Mr. Robert Pelham, Jr., "The Negro's Opportunity in the West."

April 7—Anniversary. Hon. H. P. Cheatham. "The Triumph of Endurance."

Appropriate music on all occasions, with general chorus under the direction of Miss Georgia Makell.

Mrs. Sarah I. Fleetwood, not less well known to the nation than her distinguished husband, Major C. A. Fleetwood, has just been appointed to the position of superintendent of nurses and head of the training school for nurses at Freedmen's Hospital, having earned the place by standing first in a national civil service examination in competition with some of the brightest minds in the country. The place had previously been held by a white woman. She is eminently qualified for the duties that will fall to her, and the hospital is stronger by reason of her presence in this trying department.

Israel C. M. E. Church now has a Sunday Lyceum, with Mr. C. F. LaFon as President.

Dr. C. C. Barnett and Dr. W. T. Blackshear, two enterprising young men, are studying the local field with a view of establishing a first-class colored medical academy.

Rev. W. Bishop Johnson is laboring to open the main auditorium of the Second Baptist Church by the first Sunday in June. The property is worth $50,000, and is desirably located.

Mr. R. C. Simmons, who has been meeting with gratifying success handling the cigars put out by Douglas, Fortune & Co., will go to New York shortly to take charge of the growing shipping business of the firm.

A business conference of the colored merchants of the District of Columbia is being projected by Mr. A. F. Hilyer. It should, by all means, be held, and a permanent organization should be effected. Incalculable good can be done and improvements in the methods of business can be so made that the Negro can draw a share of the trade of many of our race, who will not buy a box of matches now. The District should prepare at once to be well represented at the national meeting next August, which will probably gather in Chicago.

Tuesday night was observed by the Bethel Literary and Historical Association as "Douglass Night." The attendance was large and representative. Major Charles R. Douglass read a paper on "The Home Life of Frederick Douglass," bringing out many bits of previously untold history, all illustrating the strong domestic character of the Anacostian Sage. Mr. Joseph H. Douglass rendered a brilliant violin solo. Prof. Kelly Miller is ably holding up the time-honored reputation of Bethel as a literary and historical center.

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature that is giving local Afro-American Virginians no little uneasiness—and there are a lot of them here. This bill is to require the Richmond Passenger and Power Company to provide separate accommodations for the white and colored passengers upon its lines between Twenty-ninth and P streets in the city of Richmond and Seven Pines, in the county of Henrico. Thus the "Jim Crow" virus creeps deeper and deeper into our social system.

R. W. THOMPSON.

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## 1900 —ROUTE— 1901

SLAYTON'S JUBILEE SINGERS.—Irwin, Pa, Feb 16; McKeesport, 19; Salem, O, 20; Lima, 21; Leabanon, 22, Praire Depot, 23

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)--Glasgow Scotland, continuous and indefinite

W. I. SWAIN'S ORIGINAL COLORED NASHVILLE STUDENTS.—Beardstown, Ill, 21; Alton 22; Jerseyville, 23

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COONTOWN 400." (Lee Moses, Mgr.)—McIntire, Iowa, Feb 16; Ricerville 18; Hacyville, 19; Osage, 20; Ansgar, 21

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)--Indianapolis, Ind, continuous and idefinite

Willie Camille sends regards to Frank Clermont.

John W. Dennis says "I have no fear leaving them screaming nightly."

Jesse Smith, of Harrison Bros., minstrels, sends regards to W. H. Youngs of Nashville, Tenn.

The well-known "Billy King" is taking a rest in Mobile, Ala., gathering funny things for next season.

John Parker, who styles himself the champion cake walker of Georgia, is now doing "stunts" in Atlanta.

Prof. George B Rhone sends regards to John Easton, Prof. James Lacy, the Kersands, Charles Parker and all friends.

Little Miss Marie Brown, the charming and accomplished daughter of J. H Brown will go on the stage with the Nashville Students in the near future.

Gibbs and Taylor, after a successful week at the Standard theatre, Philadelphia, are laying off this week with a return date to follow, after which they go to New York. They will be the principle comedians with the Virginia minstrels next season.

Richard H. Barnett writes from Fernandani, Fla.—I am still making good at the Collie theatre; have one more week here, then to St. Louis, Mo., where I join one of the big shows for the next season. Everybody is making good as Robert Marshall, our stage manager, is always putting on something new. I enclose regards to friends.

The "Dixie" Jubilee concert company, has been under the direction of the Standard Lecture Bureau of Des Moines, Iowa, for the last month or more, during which time they have appeared in and sang in 32 lecture courses, and have been the greatest drawing card of the season. They are under the exclusive management of the Chicago Lecture Bureau, 705 Allwood building.

Notes from "Coontown 400" Co—While in Fayette, Iowa., the company was entertained Sunday 10 inst. at the home of George Moore and family, who had prepared an elegant dinner, or rather a turkey feast, which every member partaken of to an elegant sufficiency. Also Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bryant, the chief tonsorialist there, made us welcome at their cozy little home. We left well paid for our visit.

Cincinnati Special.—George Bullett, proprietor of Bullet restaurant, died at his home, 213 George street, Sunday last. He leaves a wife, who deeply mourns him. Mr. Bullet was very popular and well liked. He was a member of the K. of P. order and the Elks Alph lodge, No. 1, and the Odd Fellows. All of his friends extend their sympathy to the bereaved. He died in the triumph of faith. Miss Jennie Simmons is one of John L. Hill's agents for The Freeman; papers on sale every Friday, 31 Avery street.

Herbert La She writes that he closed his show, "Gay Coons From Darktown," Feb. 5 at Lorimer, Ia., on account of so much smallpox in that part of the state, and will be at liberty for the balance of this season and next season. He is now resting at his home at 618 Vine street, Des Moines, Ia., and sends regards to friends. See his ad Mr. La She states that "Hottest Coon in Dixie" will play there Feb. 21, 22, 23; Black Patti the first week in March. McCabe & Young played to small houses but gave good satisfaction.

Notes from Moses' "Coontown 400" Co.—The Freeman is now one of the principal factors of our company; each member now sees the value they receive for their liberal patronage. We had the pleasure of securing the services of two valuable members Feb. 2 at Savannah Ill., Miss India Gordon, soubrette and coon shouter, late of Maharra's minstrels, and Wm. Merrit, phenomenal tenor. They are making tremenduous hits nightly, and send regards to the profession. Everybody is well and send regards to all. Prof. Roy Farr is our able musical director, for which he deserves great credit.

Notes from Al. W. Martin's Western Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.—The company is doing well at present. There was a great change in the company when the Marshall family joined us at Greenfield, Ohio, they took the town by storm. The manager, Mr. Walters, was carried away with their little son Walter Marshall, the champion drum major of the world; he is a hit everywhere we play. They are on their way east; I raised their salary after their first performance for their good work. The cake walk is the finest that has been staged for some time; the costumes are the finest that money could buy, led by "Long Tom," the tallest man in the world. Regards to all friends.

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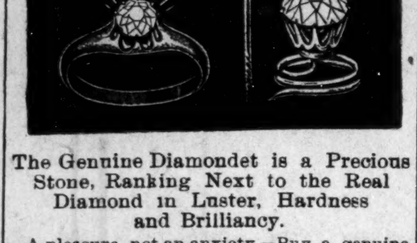

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Notes from Exchange Theatre, Jacksonville, Fla., under management of Prof. J. M. Robinson, Jr.—Misses Florence Hines and Vida Vaughn are with us and are meeting with much success. All of the old favorites are meeting with many comments for their good support. Miss Hall and Miss Pearl Wood are featuring coon songs with marked success. Bill Reeves, the original comedian, has the entire house with him when he sings "Coon, Coon, Coon." C. D. Brooks is now singing the song "I've Got Money Locked Up in a Vault." Last, but not least, Sam Robinson, the "genius," has a new act that he has just finished which will bring much credit to himself. The ghost walks each and every Monday here. Regards to friends.

Notes from Allen, Quine & Oakes' New Orleans minstrels.—Last week we were in Mississippi, this week we are in Alabama. While in Aberdeen, Miss., our big company was royally entertained in our Wagner sleeper by the four McCievers, Prof. W., two girls, one 7 and the other 9, and one boy; they are all splendid musicians as well as being good singers and were highly appreciated by us all. Manager Quine will be with us in a few days. While in Kosciusko, Miss., Kid Arant, being in company with a leading young lady there, was rocked by a couple of white men; when some of us saw what was going on we drew revolvers in defense of Kid and the whites took to their heels. We are "passing up" all the ladies now.

From Chillicothe, Mo.—James Thompson, late of the Syndicate who is now running a tonsorial parlor in connection with James Banks, put on a show at the City Opera House, Jan 29, entitled "Uncle Remus' Dream," or a "Hot Old Time in Blackville," composed of 30 colored performers, male and female, and had a crowded house. The entertainment closed with a grand cake walk, which the audience went wild at the gracefulness of the contestants. The musical numbers of the program were excellent. After the performance the seats were pushed aside and the light fantastic toe was tripped by about 50 couples until the wee sma' hours of dawn. There were a number of strangers from the surrounding towns, and all enjoyed themselves immensely. James Thompson sends regards to E. O. Green, Frank Clermont, P. G. Lowery, Joe Pleasant and James Morton.

Those who wish to enjoy a good hearty laugh should not fail to visit the Empire theatre Indianapolis, the coming week when Bissell's "Fads and Follies" Burlesquers comes to that popular house and will present "Fads and Follies, a bright musical burlesque, which has been entirely rewritten since last presented in this city. It is handsomely staged and is presented by a company of carefully selected artists and the entire performance is free from vulgarity. Of course there is a host of pretty girls but no company presenting this style of entertainment is complete without that adjunct. "Tim Sullivan's Chowder" will be presented by the popular comedian, James F. Leonard, who also plays the leading role. There is an olio of high class vaudeville acts introducing such well known and popular artists as Shattuck and Bernard, Barry C. Thompson and Annie Carter, the three musical clowns, Bimm, Bomm, B'r'r'r, Bennett and Rich, the Brannigans. The engagement commences with a matinee Monday, Feb. 18, and continues three days.

The Slayton Jubilee Singers are now back in their old stamping ground, Pennsylvania. Despite Queen Victoria's death their Canadian trip was a decided success, Toronto yielding up record breaking audiences. At East Liverpool, Ohio, the company was denied admission to hotels on account of color. East Liverpool is on the Ohio river facing West Virginia. Wherever a former slave holding state abuts on a free one, prejudice is keenly felt by the black man over all that portion of the free state that has any proximity to the line of demarkation. Thus doth West Virginia besmirch the free soil of Ohio. Nightly does Mr. Turner demonstrate to the easterners that he is a bass singer of no ordinary ability. The Slayton Jubilee Singers are in every way a first-class company, even to the painstaking regularity with which the white spectre makes his weekly stroll. During these times when The Freeman tells of the wrecks of some of the colored aggregations caused by financial difficulties, the members of that company feel serene in the fact that that company has reached such a stage that failure is nigh unto an impossibility. Albert Johnson sends regards to C. J. Ross and wants to know how is "Platteville."

J Ed. Green writes from Chicago.—Dees and Robinson are at the "Blue Bells" where their act is one of the features of the bill. Louis Love is to be seen daily with a broad smile as brother Buddie is up and about. Proctor and Hamilton are booked over the Eastern circuit. The Big Minstrel Jubilee, under direction of James Crosby was quite a success. A bill hard to be beaten was given the public opened by Harry Craton, the lad with the slack wire and juggling fame who has added the hoops to his act now, making it one of the best. James Crosby followed with something new. The Lloyd Bros., done a new act. Cicero Reed, who is booked over the Castle circuit, amused with silence and fun, followed by Dees and Robinson, who made quite a hit with an act that is really funny. Mr. Robinson has showed Chicago theatregoers that he is funny. Little Miss Grady sang songs in the olio that Baby Lund could receive no more applause from. In the first part Messrs. James Worels, tenor, and James H. Gray, baritone, acquitted themselves with much favor. Mr. Crosby being the favorite naturally made good. Garland and Goff go with Swain's Nashville Students. Mr. Garland and Fred Carey of "Hottest Coon in Dixie" fame, can be seen every day mixing drinks at 2,700 State street. Williams & Walker will not return to the city as expected but will accept a week in Detroit in its stead. Tom McCain is mingling with the professionals daily during leisure hours.

Notes from W. I. Swain's Original Nashville Students, in mighty unison with P. G. Lowery's famous concert band.—The company is enjoying very good health and business good as usual. As you know this is not a minstrel show; we have made good everywhere we have been. The show opens with a plantation scene, which catches the attention of the audience. Our special features are very strong, headed by Helen Ogden, the beautiful pima donna soprano. P. G. Lowery, the cornet soloist, needs no comment on his ability; everybody in the profession knows him, there is only one P. G. Lowery. F. R. Brooks, better known as the "Easy going ace," keeps the house in a continuous uproar all the time he is on the stage. He is naturally one of the funniest comedians in the business. The Sherrah quartette is fast becoming the lone star. They have been re-engaged for the coming season by the Forepaugh & Sells Bros., circus as a special feature in their big after concert. W. L. Jackson, christened "the colored Ole Bull," captivates everybody with his violin solos. A. L. Prince is an A1 artist on the slack wire. Miss Pearl Millender, one of our charming soubrettes, receives encores nightly for her singing and dancing. The show closes with a farcical absurdity entitled "Abe's first appearance in high society," or "Ain't used to such doings." The press and people everywhere say that our chorus can't be beat. W. H. Spencer is our efficient chorus director. The show is a strong one, and just catches the people. Mr. Lowery, who is managing the Forepaugh & Sells Bros., vaudeville show, has been engaged by another large tent show to secure twenty-five people for summer engagement The company sends regards to all friends and best wishes to The Freeman.

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## KNOW THYSELF OR THE HEARTS OF MEN

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CONTINUATION OF CHAPTER XXI.

Jack's letter in a sense destroyed these cherished dreams. She knew that if he succeeded in making his escape he would forever be a fugitive from justice and that no place in the land would he be entirely safe from the lynx-eyed vigilance of the law. She also realized how extremely dangerous under those circumstances it would be for him to have her with him, and how materially her companionship would enhance the probability of recapture. The loyalty and unselfishness of her devotion caused her to quickly put such thoughts from her and resolve that even though she should be separated from him forever, to assist if possible, the man she loved, out of his trouble. "Yes," she whispered, "I will do it—and trust the rest to God!"

Accordingly, that evening on her way home she stopped in at a hardware store and purchased a half-dozen hack saws about a foot in length and a half-inch in width; repairing to a grocery, she secured a small pine box, such as is used in shipping fancy soaps Taking this to a carpenter's shop in the immediate neighborhood of her home she explained to him, after the lid was removed, how she wanted small grooves cut into the edges of the box to the depth of one and a half inches. She told him, that the width of the grooves must not exceed the eighth of an inch. She paid the price demanded and gave the carpenter her address, insisting that the work be done the first thing in the morning and sent to the house not later than noon, as it was imperatively necessary to have them there at that hour as she had some articles that must be forwarded on the Afternoon's Express.

That night after tea she went to a near by news vender and bought several novels, papers and various magazines. At the little fruit stand on the corner she purchased a basket of luscious fruit; these things she quietly carried to her room. There she took the fruit carefully from the basket and laid it upon the small center table. With the aid of a claw hammer she noiselessly removed the bottom from the basket. This done she proceeded to wrap the bottom, thus removed, in paper and tied it up in a neat package. All now had been done that could be accomplished for the time being. She knelt and offered up a prayer to Heaven for the guidance and preservation of the man she was endeavoring to assist to liberty.

The next morning on her way back to the laundry she stopped in again at the carpenter's and left the bottom of the basket, requesting that he groove the edges of it in the same manner as had been ordered for the box. She told him to send them all together to the house by noon.

When she returned to her luncheon a little earlier than usual that day she was delighted to see the box and package on a table in the hall way completed. They were immediately conveyed to her apartment up stairs where she proceeded at once to slip the saws into the small crevices which had been mortised in the edges of the box. Saws were likewise placed in the grooves made in the bottom of the basket. Everything fit exactly. The bottom was refitted in the basket and the fruit carefully placed back into it. It was then layed bottom up into the box and the books and papers she had purchased were packed tightly around it; after all had been made secure she nailed the top on the box and turning it up-side down she tacked upon the bottom of it a small white card upon which was written:

> JACK ASHTON,
> Mount Sterling,
> (Care of county jail.) Ky.
> This side up, with care.

It will be seen by the foregoing that the saws were secreted absolutely beyond detection. According to instructions the jailer would, of course, take the bottom off instead of the top when he examined the contents before handing it in to the prisoner; the saws being safely sheathed by the top then serving as the bottom of the box, holding them in their receptacles.

The fruit basket was used as a precaution against any probability of the box not being permitted inside of the jail; such articles often times are considered by exacting jailers as dangerous among prisoners since they could be utilized as a deadly weapon in the event of a fight among the men confined. In case this rule had been in vogue at the prison the basket containing the fruit was to small to be considered in that light, and would be handed in.

This is why Jack had suggested it in his letter:—"To make sure."

When all had been arranged to her satisfaction Gladys rang her bell, summoning the Negro porter of the house, in whose hands she placed a silver dollar, telling him to take the box to the Express Office at once, pay the charges and keep the change. A broad grin covered the darkey's face as he shouldered the box and scampered off.

In a short while Gladys descended to the dinning room with a glad heart to her luncheon.

[To Be Continued.]

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## FROM ALEXANDRIA

### What Fashionable Societies Say of Newspapers

Alexandria, La., special: The schools are all in good progression, which is due to the earnest work of the faculties. * * When giving your name to the solicitor who represents The Freemen, remember you are subscribing for a paper in which you get more news of interest about your race from onecolumn than all the opposite papers combined. Then why not read The Freeman and learn of the progress of your own people all over the country, and then resort to other topics, which, of course, should be the second thought. A hint to the wise is sufficient. * * The fashionable societies suggest the reading of newspapers indispensible. The origin of The Freeman can not deceive you. Then every Negro should at least—well, read a copy of The Freeman. Should the solicitor fail to get your name, inform A. L. Butler, box 542, city, who will see that you have a paper brought to your door for 5 cents a week. * * Mrs. Wheeler Reuben will leave soon to join her husband in Raton, New Mexico, which place they selected for their future home. The Freeman hopes for them a field of prosperity in the far West. * * Mrs. M. E. Bassett will take great pleasure in architecting and building hats for the ladies for any occasion. Mrs. Bassett is to be complimented on being one among the few fashionable colored milliners in the South. * * Mr. S. H. Norris is doing the baking and pastry work at the Rapides Hotel with much satisfaction. * * It is thought that Mr. W. M. will open the new doors to the dining room at the Stonewall. Look out, Gip! Don't let him beat you. * * At the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gase, on Third street, while rocking their little baby in front of the fire, it was sad to learn that the little fellow fell from the chair and was severely burned. * *. The 25th inst. brought the sad news of the death of Mrs. Thomas (sister of the Rev. Mr. I. Thomas), who had been ill but a short while. * * Alexandria is glad to know that Memphis is such a hustler in The Freeman world. Look out for us—we are Freemans, too. * * Of Mobile we rejoice to know that Mr. Thomas Horrace is the heavy bass singer in the Should it be considered, by any means, that the Freeman should be renounced and made a second thought? One will say, "I'm always so busy; I don't have time to read." Another will say, "I take so many paper I don't find room for another." (A Negro paper can't find room in a Negro home!) But are there others? Ah, there will come a time some day when we (Negroes) will decide that it is more thoughtful, necessary, commendable and helpful to make our own business the first thought, and then "have time"—and "find room" for others, which, of course, is very natural. Would ye be loyal? Then read the Freeman for its originality. Would ye be loyal? Then say to Mr. F. Copley et al., "What is your business, sir? Accept my patronage." * * Meridian must be sound asleep, or preparing for strange things to happen. * * Mrs. M. E. Bassett, on Ninth street, is the architect and builder of ladies' hats suitable for any occasion. Mrs. Bassett is to be complimented on being one of the few up-to-date colored milliners in the South. * * A hair cut, shave, shampoo and a shine is the password to the barber's shop. Mr. Wm. Beatty, proprietor of the Monroe street shop, will admit you without the password and show you to the front chair, which is vacant for the use of a good barber. * * See A. L. Butler and read the Freeman for 5c.

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## SELMA NOTES

Selma, Ala., special: Jim Bean, an old and respected colored citizen, fell prostrate with apoplexy in Ike's saloon last Friday. He was given medical attention, but died at 10 o'clock that night. * * Sanford Caldwell, employed at Mr. Andrew Cawthon's barber shop, met with a peculiar accident one day last week. He was bending over punching the fire in the stove on which is an old-fashioned tea kettle, used for heating water, when he raised up the hot steam from the spout of the kettle gushed out in his left eye, scalding him terribly. He may lose the sight of that organ. * * Mrs. Dr. Brown is still very ill with pneumonia. * * Mr. W. E. Jones, of Uniontown, was in the city this week. * * Selma has a first class coal and wood yard owned by Hudson Bros., whose promptness and business-like principles have won for them an enormous patronage, white and colored. * * The Freeman is becoming a favorite here every week. Many have expressed their desire to subscribe for it. * * Selma's electric car line is nearing completion and next month the buzz of twentieth century transportation will be heard in the city. * * Mr. Charley Peebles is still ill with pneumonia. * * The many friends of Mr. Larkin Phillips, who are well acquainted with him, will be sorry to learn of his death, which occurred Jan. 21st. * * Miss Mattie Cook, after a long and severe spell of illness, is much improved. * * Incessant downpours of rain prevented services at all of the churches on last Sunday. * * Dr. J. W. Walker, the eloquent and learned pastor of Brown's Chapel, A. M. E. Church, is out again after being indisposed for some time. * * A reading circle under the direction of Prof. J. S. Moten and faculty of Payne Institute, has been formed. The circle will meet every Friday night. Their first reading will be "The Christian," by Hall Caine. * * Rev. E. J. Carter, pastor of the Zion A. M. E. Church, is a recognized orator in the pulpit. Visitors as well as members of his church never fail to enjoy his powerful discourses. * * The Christian Endeavor Societies of the city are in a flourishing condition and doing much good. * * Mr. L. H. Hunley, of Atlanta, Ga., was in the city this week, representing his firm, the Nichols Publishing Company.

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## MUNCIE JOTTINGS.

Muncie, Ind., special: Mr. James Willis is ill at his home on South Hackly street, with a well-developed case of measles. * * Mr. Arthur Ellis has returned from a short trip to Anderson. * * The first quarterly meeting this year was conducted Sunday at Jackson Street A. M. E. Church by Rev. Saunders, of Indianapolis. * * Mrs. Mattie Richardson is suffering from an attack of neuralgia. * * Master Gilbert Farris is ill with tonsilitis. * * The revival services are still in progress at both the A. M. E. and Second Baptist Churches. * * Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Cooper entertained a few of their friends at cards last Tuesday evening at their new home in Normal City. * * Mr. Curtis and wife have taken rooms with Mrs. Fry of E. Jackson street, the rooms recently vacated by Dr. Cooper. * * Mrs. I. Woods, who has been ill, is able to be about again. * * Mr. Woods preached his trial sermon last Monday night. * * Mr. J. Anderson, the upholsterer, has taken a partner, in the person of Mr. Harry Adams. The firm will be known in the future as Anderson & Adams. * * Muncie can boast of several business men of color, having a restaurant, grocery, upholstering establishment, saloon, nine barber shops, one doctor office, blacksmith shop. Mr. James Ferguson is proprietor of the restaurant, which is one of the finest in the city. Mr. Ferguson is a pioneer business man, having been engaged in the restaurant business for about 25 or 30 years in this city. Mr. J. H. Jones and H. Adam are proprietors of the grocery, which has been doing business for about three years. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Adams, our upholsterers, have been in the city something over a year. Mr. Anderson is from Ohio. Mr. McWilliam is saloon keeper. The barbers are as follows: Mr. W. H. Stokes, Dr. J. A. Morin, Mr. Thomas Fassett, Omer Knox, I. T. Evans, J. M. Robbins, Lewis Chandler, Harvey Phillips, Grant Newman. The blacksmith shop, located on S. Hackly street, is owned by Mr. Wingfield, and is doing a fine business. Dr. Cooper is located on North Walnut street. Dr. Douglass, our veterinary surgeon, is located on E. Jackson street. * * Our little city will some day make its mark if we continue in our improvements.

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### Clark's Sanitarium.

Mr. Willis Clark, formerly of Hot Springs, Ark., where he had fifteen years' experience, has opened up a sanitarium at Martinsville, Ind., for the exclusive use of colored people. Mr. Clark has an elegant place, and his apartments are well furnished and are comfortable and up-to-date. Mr. Clark's years of experience is of vast assistance to him, and he should receive the support of the colored people of this and adjoining States.

## THREE SCORE AND TEN

### YEARS HAVE BEEN PASSED BY AT LEAST FIVE OF PITTSBURG'S PA.) INHABITANTS

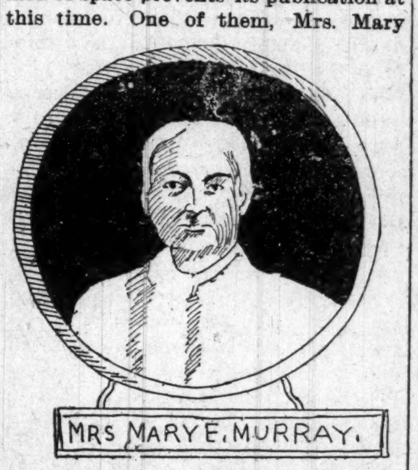
## THEIR GRAND AND USEFUL LIVES

### A Privilege Not Given to the Average Individual--A Look of Complacency on Long and Busy Lives

The privilege is not given to the average man and woman to live out more than one-half of the three score years and ten which, according to Holy writ, is the duration of individual human existence. Here and there notable exceptions are found, where even the century mark has been passed, but the rule, as cited obtains oftener than the exception.

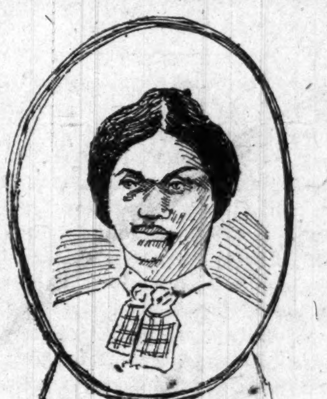
In the group of men and women published today a total of 418 years of life is represented, the greater part of which was spent amid the most interesting and epoch-making period of the city and country's history. All of them with one exception, lived in this city or vicinity more than half a century, and have been active participants in its growth and marvelous development from a straggling village into a busy metropolis.

The occupations of the women were that of teacher, and wife and housekeeper; of the men, porter, bank messenger and teamster, any one of which when coupled with the exciting times in which they have lived, was sufficient to have sapped the nervous vitality of an ordinary man and woman, and hurried them to an early grave. There is much in the life experience of each, which would make interesting reading, but lack of space prevents its publication at this time. One of them, Mrs. Mary Earl Murray was brought here from Philadelphia, by her parents when an infant. Here she has lived for more than 80 years, married and was widowed. Having survived all her immediate family, in the sere and yellow of life she is spending her remaining years in comfort as an inmate of the Home for Aged Colored Women, honored, respected and esteemed by a legion of friends young and old.



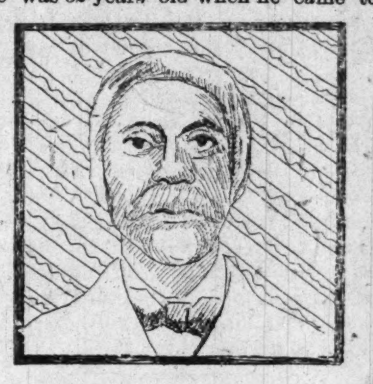
MRS MARY E. MURRAY.

Another, Miss Mary Matilda Ware, now 87 years old, was in the prime of a young ambitious womanhood when, at 24 years of age she arrived in this city from Martinsburg, Va., and began the duties of a teacher in Alleghany. For 50 years, probably the longest term of continuous service as a pedagogue in the annals of the country, she instructed the young people of her race making it her life work, eschewing connubialities, until now, with mental powers unimpaired, but physically weak she too has sought the comfort and quiet of the Home for Aged Colored Women in which to pass her declining years. All up and down this country are men and women, with families of their own who received what education they possess of her hands and revere her memory as fondly as they do that of a mother.



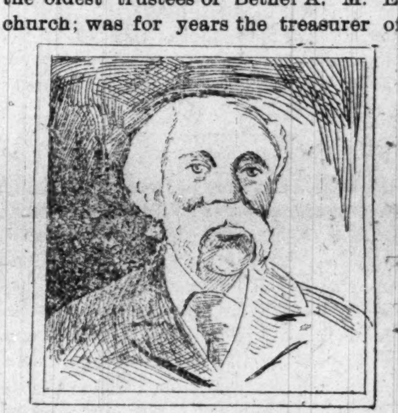
MISS MARY M. WARE.

Samuel Henry Golden, the oldest of the men, does not really know his correct age, but between 87 and 90 years ago he first saw the light in Baltimore. He was 32 years old when he came to Pittsburg, and from 1848 to 1898 was a familiar figure to the traveling public at the Monongahela house, where he was employed. Even with the weight of years upon him he is today more vigorous than many a man of 45. He has been married three times, is the father of seven children, six of whom are living. He accumulated a nice little property, the income from which keeps the wolf from the door in the evening of his life.



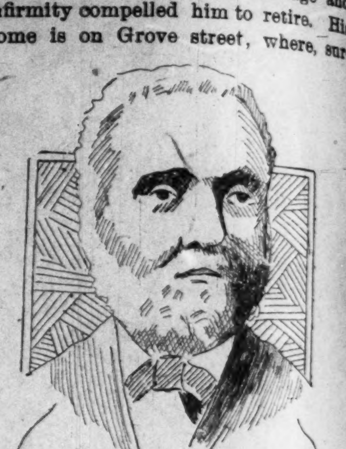
SAMUEL H. GOLDEN.

George B. Knox, the youngest of the group, is now 76 years old, was born in Washington county, Pa, and has lived in this city since 1826. He is best known as the messenger at the Exchange National bank, with which institution he has been connected for over 40 years. He has always been closely identified with the welfare of the race; is one of the oldest trustees of Bethel A. M. E. church; was for years the treasurer of the Avery fund; was one of the founders and is the present treasurer of Lincoln Memorial cemetery; is connected in the same way with the Home for Aged Colored Women, and is an honorary member of Mt. Moriah lodge, F. & A. M. He is still in active service, with no thought of retiring.



GEO BUTLER KNOX.

David Logan, now 86 years old, was a strong and vigorous man of 48 years when he shook the dust of the "Old Dominion" from his feet and took up his abode in Pittsburg. For 38 years he lead the active and strenuous life of a teamster. In 1867 during the oil excitement he tried his fortune at Pithole, but soon returned to this city, where he was employed in transfer work by many of the large manufacturing plants, until a few years ago, when age and infirmity compelled him to retire. His home is on Grove street, where, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren, he can look back with complacency on a long and busy life.



DAVID LOGAN.

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### In Tennesse

Covington, Tenn., special: Dr. C. W. Wyatt, our popular and proficient physican, reads The Freeman weekly. * * The Hall & Tooley Co., dealers in staple and fancy grocieries, are hustling merchants and are doing a good business. Their goods are always the best. * * Mr. Jackson Doyle, the old and reliable barber, of Covington, has two lively competitors—Messrs. Jas. F. Hall and Grant Hill. These gentlemen have fine tonsorial parlors which are always open to the public. * * Among the progressive farmers and property owners of Covington is Mr. Nelson A. Yarbrough. He has recently purchased a large tract of land to add to his already spacious farm. * * Rev. E. W. Hawthorn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is a preacher of power and ability and always delights his audience.

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## FROM HENDERSON

Henderson, Ky., special: Invitations have been received in the city to the marriage of Miss Marie Louise Clay to Rt. Rev. Geo. Wylie Clinton, Wednesday evening, Feb. 6th, Huntsville, Ala. Miss Clay has twice been a visitor to this city and was very popular during her stay among us. She is a singer of some note, having at one time traveled with Fisk Jubilee Singers and possessing the amiable disposition that she possesses, enables her to number her friends by her acquaintances. * * Miss Martha Bunch has closed her school and is among us again. * * Miss Minnie Harris has recovered from her recent illness. * * Mrs. Burton and Miss Burton, of Terre Haute, Ind., were guests of Miss Elena Cabell several days last week. * * Mrs. Annie Aushenberry has returned from Owensboro, where she went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Buckner. * * The K. P. Lodge is enrolling a large number of new members. Sir W. B. Taylor has been instrumental in adding twenty-four members. * * Mrs. Rosamond Starling has gone to Lexington, where she has accepted a position in the State Reform School. * * Mr. William White died Jan. 28th, after an illness of eighteen months. He was an estimable young man, quiet and unassuming and beloved by all who knew him. He was at the time of his death 21 years 4 months and 11 days old. His funeral was held from the First Baptist Church, Jan. 29th, Rev. W. E. Clarke officiating. A mother and sister survive his decease and to whom the sincere sympathies of friends are extended.

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### News Notes.

Lake Charles, La., Special.—The grand concerts given by the public school of our city, Jan. 28-29, was quite commendable. Presiding Elder Dinkins delivered an able address before the school. J. C. Chafiin is on the sick list. Miss Martha Johnson, of New Orleans, arrived in our city on the first and took in charge the school of Emanuel. School opened with an enrollment of 37 scholars. Dr. L. M. Coleman has recovered. J. E. Reese, who left our city for Coleman acedemy last fall to study theology, has returned home seriously ill. Rev. W. S. Chinn, who left on Jan. 23 for the conference which convened in Shreveport, has returned. S. R. Ellis, who was employed at B. R. L. C. O., was seriously injured Jan. 28; he is improving. The Freeman can be had every Monday by giving your name and address to S. H. Dunfred, the representative.

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# SPORT

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

Wilson M., Paducah, Ky.—No.

Henry T., Louisville, Ky.—Typhoon.

W. L., Logansport, Ind.—The "joker" can take any trick.

James C., Wheeling, W. Va.—In the game of cinch, the 5-spot of trumps can take the other 5-spot.

Inez W., Vicksburg, Miss.—You are not compelled to play trumps until all the cards are drawn from the deck, then you must follow suit.

C. H. B., Lebanon, Tenn.—Steve Brodie gained his fame by jumping off the Brooklyn bridge into the Hudson river, between New York and Brooklyn.

Mrs. Anna T. H., Memphis, Tenn.—Your question is not a sporting one, but the answer is: There are many who are capable, but Paul Lawrence Dunbar is the greatest.

J. M. T., San Francisco, Cal.—The horses you speak of are Ben Brush, winner of Kentucky Derby, and Ben Eder, winner of Clark Stakes at Louisville, same race meet.

Thomas W., Jacksonville, Fla.—Billy Madden has managed John L. Sullivan, Jack Dempsey and Jack McAuliffe, and is now managing Gus Ruhlin and "Denver Ed." Martin. He is also a boxer and trainer.

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Fred Hilson, the colored pugilist, who was knocked out in a glove contest by John Kramer Monday night just above Cincinnati, is in a very serious condition and the physicians think he will die.

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Eddie K. Morris, of San Francisco, knocked out young Walcott, of New York, at Galena, Kan., in the seventeenth round of what was to have been a twenty-five-round glove contest. Both fought hard and Walcott was the favorite up to the fourteenth round, when after a lively mix-up and a breakaway the New Yorker fell from the stage to the floor and injured his right arm.

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There is little doubt that Terry McGovern and Tim Hogarty, the Australian champion featherweight, will be matched for a championship contest to take place in San Francisco as soon as the latter arrives in this country. His manager, George Harting, is now in San Francisco, and has accepted the terms of the National Sporting Club of that city, which offers much better inducements for the fight than the Twentieth Century Club.

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The Quaker was an astute philosopher, who wishing to get hunk with a dog which had annoyed him said: "I'll not beat thee, but I'll give thee a bad name," and then he cried out "Mad dog!" The finish of that canine was speedy and complete. Kid McCoy is one of the greatest fighters the ring has ever known; in fact, he is a phenomenon in skill, and yet he finds himself like the dog denounced by the Quaker, bearing a bad name. He can find no one at present willing to take him on and give him a match, barring Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes Demon, who is the bete noir of the would-be champions of the American ring, and a very formidable antagonist for any of 'em.

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McCoy may be guiltless of the charge that he "laid down" in his contest with Jim Corbett. There is no positive proof that he is really guilty, but there is a doubt as to his honesty in the opinion of the American sporting public and he has to suffer therefore Recognizing this fact the Kid, who has rewived—that is, married his wife a second time—and with her and with his new manager has gone on a voyage up the Mediterranean, no doubt hoping that by the time the trip is over public opinion may be mollified and that then he may have a chance to once more figure advantageously in the ring.

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The international wrestling match, for the Græco Roman championship of the world, between Ernest Roeber, of this country, and Paul Pons, the French champion, took place last week in Madison Square Garden, New York, and resulted in a draw, after the men had been on the mat for one hour and seventeen minutes, neither having secured a fall. The terms of the match were two best in three falls, or should the match continue until midnight, the man securing one fall to be the winner.

Over six thousand people witnessed the contest, which was one of science and skill against superior weight, height and reach. Roeber possessed the former qualities and looked like a pigmy beside his burly antagonist. There was a long delay before the two men appeared on the mat, and it was 10:43 when they faced each other. Pons assumed the aggressive and tried to crush Roeber by reason of his greater weight. The American champion squirmed out of dangerous holds, and several times had the Frenchman in trouble.

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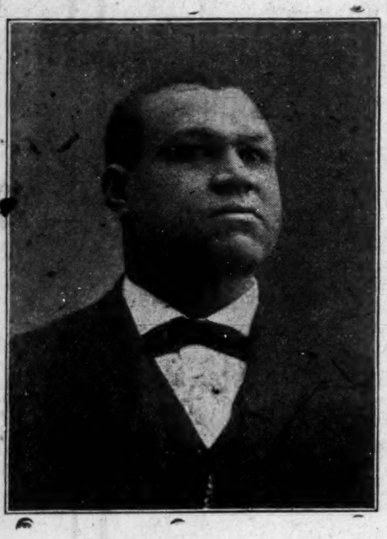

OLLIE DEMPSEY,

A leading sporting man of Cincinnati, and proprietor of two popular saloons, The Waldorf and The Homestead.

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### CHAMPIONS WILL MEET.

The meeting between Harry Gibson, the Cincinnati boy who holds the undisputed middle distance cycle championship, and Charles Miller, the long distance champion, is causing much talk among local cyclisis. The relatives of Gibson are anxious that he give up riding become a business man, and he has promised to do so in the near future. A tempting offer was made, however, to bring Gibson and Miller together in Cincinnati, and it was accepted. The two champions will race five miles daily at a local theater and the match, which will be on rollers, will doubtless be quite a drawing card. Both contestants are now doing light training and will be ready to do their best when they mount their wheels.

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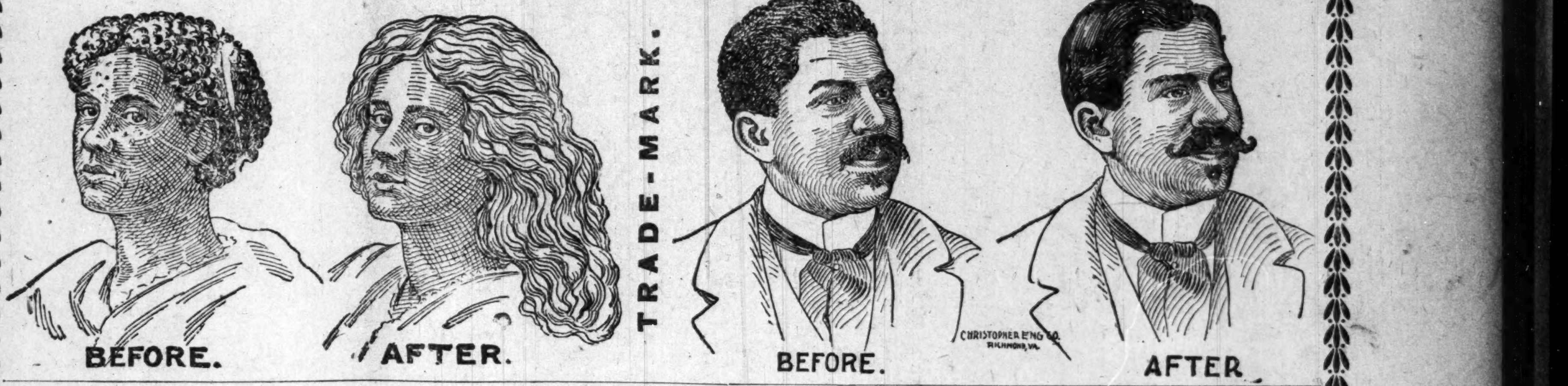
The big fellows are still training for their championship contests at this writing, which are scheduled to take place in Cincinnati Friday night; but the opposers of the fight seem certain of winning, and having the governor and state militia on their side, it is very probable that the Jeffries-Ruhlin, Childs-Martin contests will be called off in that city and be obliged to repair to some other place to fight. In such an event Saengerfest Hall, which is already in debt waist deep, will lose heavily for nothing. The contests were to have been given under the auspices of that institution in order to raise money to pay off its indebtedness, but the preachers and anti-fighting factions would not have it so, and there you are. Saengerfest Hall is a public enterprise; will the anti-fighting factions of that city pay off its big debt? I don't believe they, all told, would give $500, which wouln't pay the interest for one year.



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OZONO,

which is sold with an iron-clad guarantee to do all that is claimed for it, or we will forfeit $50.00. Now, we ask you a plain question—would we absolutely agree to forfeit $50.00 if you are dissatisfied with our preparations, if they were not true to all we claim for them? We have advertised for several years under this guarantee, and we are glad to say that every one who has used Ozono has been satisfied in every respect.

20,000 people are to-day using our preparations, and every purchaser recommends Ozono as the King of all Hair Tonics. Ozono will positively take the Kinks out of Knotty, Kinky, Harsh, Curly, Refractory, Troublesome Hair. It will make short, harsh hair long and straight. It will cure your head of all itching, worrying scalp diseases. Itch, Eczema, Dandruff, and Scurf can not live after Ozono has been applied. It will stop your hair from falling out. It will restore gray hair to its natural color, making the hair long and soft.

Now, right here, let us make a statement. Many firms are advertising remedies to straighten hair, but when they send the preparation they tell you to use hot irons. Friends, do not use hot irons; they will burn up the life of the hair, and cause it to drop out. Ozono straightens without any outside assistance. Nothing but Ozono is necessary, and the hair stays straight forever. You can stop the use at any time. The good effects on the hair are seen in a day or two after the first application.

The price of Ozono is 50c. a bottle—4 boxes do the work. We make this liberal offer, which is good at any time: Cut out this coupon and send to us, enclosing with it the sum of One Dollar, and we will forward to you four large boxes of Ozono and one large bottle of Electrical Skin Refiner, which makes black skin bright, rough skin soft and pliant, and cures all skin diseases. Also removes all facial imperfections, and actually removes small-pox pits. We will also include one fancy jar of our Electrical Skin Food—Nature's great beautifier—removes wrinkles, moth patches, freckles, and all facial blemishes; makes the old look young and the young look younger.

We will also include one package of our celebrated Scalp Soap, which is absolutely CHEMICALLY PURE, and no soap but a pure soap should ever be used on the scalp. And, lastly, to prove our liberality, we will put in a pint package of Anti-Odor, a positive cure for Sore Throat or Mouth, all forms of Womb Diseases, Chilblains, Sore and Frosted Feet; also removes all smells and odors arising from the human body, such as feet, arm pits, etc.

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I enclose you $1.00, for which please send at once the following goods:

4 Boxes of Ozono, worth $2.00. 1 Bottle Electrical Skin Refiner, worth 50c. 1 Bottle Electrical Skin Food, worth 50c. 1 Package (1 pint) Anti-Odor, worth 50c. 1 Package Scalp Soap, worth 50c. Total, $4.00.

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Street.............................., City.............................
County.............................., State..........................

If you want 4 lots like above, send $3.00. If you have a friend who has no coupon, let her write her name on a piece of paper and pin to coupon when you send your order.

# Race Gleanings

Peter Fossett colored, who was the body servant of Thomas Jefferson, died at Cincinnati. He was born at Monticello, Va, in 1815.

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Blyser Tyler, of Seneca, S. C., is said to be the only colored man in America who is a trainer of wild animals. Tyler is a peculiar sort of a fellow with six fingers on each hand.

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A bill for the establishment of a home for aged and infirm colored people with the fund of $230,000 now in the Treasury due to the estates of the deceased colored soldiers was passed by the House. Mr. White, the colored member from North Carolina, moved the passage of the bill.

The home is to be erected in the District of Columbia on ground now in the possession of a colored association organized for the purpose of carrying out the enterprise.

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The legislature is wrestling with the educational phase of the Negro problem in Tennessee. A bill has been introduced in the upper House to prohibit the employment of white teachers in Negro schools, colleges and universities. A large majority of the Negro institutions of learning are controlled and directed by white officers and teachers, and the passage of this bill will compel a reorganization of the faculty of nearly every Negro school in the State

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Willie O. Tyler, the only colored representative who appeared in the State Oratorical contest, which took place in Indianapolis Feb. 8, represented the Indiana State University and won the state honors for that institution of learning by taking first place in a contest with seven students representing the seven leading colleges of the state. The orations were judged on thought and composition by three Eastern college instructors from Harvard, Yale and Cornell universities, and on delivery by Judges Black and Carter and Rev. Thomas J. Villers, of this city. Mr. Tyler, who won the first place, gained that distinction because on thought and composition he won second place twice and first once; on delivery the same.

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Henry Clay, living near Arlington, Ind., a colored miser of peculiar habits and ideas, died Jan. 21 of pneumonia, after a brief illness. He was born in slavery about sixty-five years ago, in Kentucky. By working overtime he accumulated a fund with which he purchased his liberty, and settled in Indiana. Thirty years ago he bought a farm near Arlington, containing forty acres, which he owned at his death. In addition to this land, valued at $3,000, he owned real estate in Indianapolis and is supposed to have as much as $10,000 in gold buried on his farm. Clay distrusted banks and planted his money under an old stump on his farm or in a fence corner. The old man claimed to have no relatives and if he had any disowned them.

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In the rugged country northeast of Cape Town is one of the most remarkable mission stations in the world. The fame of Lovedal has spread far in Africa and blacks who are anxious to learn come to it from as far away as Lake Nyassa, a thousand miles. It is said to be the largest mission station in existence. The school contains nearly 1,000 students who are instructed by a staff of forty teachers. The fees are little more than nominal, for the average charge is only $25 a year, which includes board, lodging and education. There is no better place to study the ethnology of Africa, for the students represent many tribes, some of them from as far north as Galliland and near the Red Sea.

In the main Lovedale is a school for colored young folks, but the whites are also admitted, and it is the only place in Africa where the two races study side by side. Three lines of instruction are given to the natives—religious, educational and industrial. Teachers are trained for the missionary school, preachers are prepared for the native congregations and a general education literary and technical is given to all who want it.

Among the trades that are taught are carpentry, wagon making, blacksmithing, printing, bookbinding, telegraphy and others. The girls are taught to sew, to wash and iron and to keep house. While the aim of the institutson is to civilize through Christianity he instruction is entirely non-sectarian, and the Bible is the only religious book that is read and taught.

The books that are printed and bound at Lovedale are excellent specimens of the book-making art. The technical instruction is of the most thorough character. Visitors from Europe have often said that nothing has astonished them more in Africa than the excellence of the Lovedale work shops. Miss Violet R. Markham, who is prominently identified with education in England, has recently written that not a few technical institutions of her own country are entirely out-stripped by this remote establishment in the heart of British Kaffraria.

There is no doubt of the vast good that this institution is doing. The hundreds of students who leave it every year after enjoying its advantages for from four to six years are scattered among the millions of South Africa and even among tribes living far north of the Zambesi. They are becoming the educators of their people. They are teaching their tribesmen the useful trades they have acquired. They carry to many barbarous peoples proofs of the advantages of civilization that are more convincing than any testimony the whites can give. When there are more Lovedales scattered through the vast field of missions the results of missionary effort will be far more encouraging than they are now.

### From Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—M. F. A. Easton, of Fonlett, Wis., lectured at the Free Will Baptist church Tuesday evening. Mrs. John Hawkins went to Indianapolis Wednesday, where she will meet her husband and make her future home. Rev. Calvin Edward of this city fills the pulpit of the Free Will Baptist church every Sunday in Danville, Ill. Rev. Bishop A. Mack, of Kansas City, has been in our city for a week. He is writing a book entitled "Devil's Driver," which will be put in book form by Dr. Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn., and be on sale in May; price 50 cents. Mr. and Mrs. Rollins, who are conducting the colored orphans' home here are progressing nicely. Miss Elizabeth Colley is able to be out again. Mrs. Cassie M. Jackson, of Indianapolis will lecture in this city on the 13, in the interest of the Epworth League at Saulter chapel. The Free Will Baptist church is holding quarterly conference. I haven't heard from Brothers "Noah Baxter" and "B Square." Wake up brethren! Why sleepeth thou?

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### Jottings.

Navasota, Tex., Special.—Weather cold but pleasant. Farmers busy plowing. Miss Onnie Fountairo speaks in glowing terms of The Freeman. Robert Brown, colored section foreman on the G. C. & S. Fe R. R., is spending a few days with the boys; welcome Bob. R. Monroe, colored, who has been running a section on the East division on the G. C. & S. Fe, has resigned h position and is spending a few days in the city. Dr. Moore and little son were shaking hands with friends on our streets recently. He is practicing his profession at Austin. The juveniles of the city gave their first social hop Wednesday night; had quite a nice time. Charles Smith has returned from Galveston. Mr. Gaston has retnrned from McCraven, Washington county. Rev. Alexander, of Milicaro, was in the city this week. He is enroute to Beaumont to accept a position. Texas can boast of its Negro railroad men. The Navasota base ball team gave a grand concert Thursday night at the Odd Fellows' hall; Joe Cole, Jr., treasurer; Charles Reed, manager. Mrs. Lessie Travis, of Huntsville, Tex., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Travis.

### The Freeman on Sale.

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## ..CITY NOTES..

Rev. G. A. Sissle is ill with quinsy.

Alex. Taylor, of Peru, is the guest of relatives here.

Wyall Bank had his foot mashed at the Cereline Works.

Mr. George Austin is the guest of his family in Evansville.

Miss May Bell Ballard has returned from a visit to Louisville.

Attorney J. H. Lott slipped on the ice and sustained a broken arm.

Mr. Willis Kersey entertained the Ugly Men's Club Thursday evening.

The Monday Night Whist Club was entertained this week by Miss Kate Mann.

Miss Mayme Hawkins, of 1009 North Missouri street, was in Greencastle, Ind., last week.

A masquerade ball will be given the 4th of March under the direction of the Woman's Club.

T. D. Johnson, en route from Springfield, Ill., to Dayton, Ohio, was in the city several days last week.

FOR RENT—No. 407 W. Fourteenth street near Missouri street, new 3-room dwelling $7.00. Prather & Co., 201 Lemcke Building.

James J. Turner, formerly of this city, but now living in Providence, R. I., arrived Thursday for a few days stay.

Mrs. Shores, of Lexington, Ky., who has been visiting Mrs. Henderson, of California street, returned to her home to-day.

Mr. Thomas Frame left last Saturday for Salt Lake City to take the headwaitership of one of the most prominent hotels in that city.

FOR RENT—Nos. 1322 and 1324 N. Missouri street, corner Fourteenth street new double house, 5 rooms each side, rents cheap. Prather & Co., 201 Lemcke Building.

Mrs. Shores, who has been visiting her daughter, Tommie, at the home of Mrs. Lillie Henderson, has returned to her home at Lexington.

Mrs. Sallie Pandy has returned from her visit to relatives and friends in Lexington and Paris, Ky., where she has been visiting since last October.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mason and Miss Mollie Simpson, of Bloomington, Ind., returned home last Sunday after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends.

Edward E. Samuels, who lived at 532 Superior street, died at the hospital as a result of burns received a short time ago at the Fitzgerald building. He leaves a family.

Mrs. Will Brown and her sister, Madam Gliliam Lewis, will entertain the Octavia Club at her residence, 217 W. 15th street, Monday night, Feb. 18. Friends are invited to attend.

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Mrs. J. J. Blackshear, of 1712 North Arsenal avenue, entertained last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Eurus Carr and Miss Genevieve Bagby, who have just finished a course in the Shortridge High School. There were sixteen young ladies present, and Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Bagby received. Miss Carr will enter Oberlin College and Miss Bagby has entered the Normal School here.

### Ninth Presbyterian Church.

Services at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Bro. Williams, superintendent. The following special program, under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Aid Alliance, who will attend in a body, will be rendered at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow: Violin solo, Prof. Plummer; symphony orchestra; tenor solo, Mr. Frank Brown; treo for violin, harp and cello, Prof. Plummer, Miss Myrtle and Willie Hart; sermon by the Rev. Dr. McIntosh, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, city. All pastors and their congregations and the public are invited.

### Methodist Ministers Union.

The paper read upon the subject "The Fruits of Christianity" by Rev. Stokes, was the cause of no little discussion along biblical lines. The principal idea advanced in the paper was that "the present system of righteousness, which is the controlling force of mankind, is the direct fruit of the teaching of Christ, opposing evil in every form, the acceptance of and obedience to such developes a spiritualization of life, and crucifies the flesh, thus overcoming a carnal life." Mr. M. McCullom and Rev. Christian were present, the latter joining and took part in the discussion. Rev. Gilliam, the president, was absent, being out of the city.

### Allen Chapel Sunday, Feb. 17th.

At 10:30 a. m. the Rev. P. A. Luckie, of South America, will preach on "The Soliloquy of David," and at 7:30 p. m. upon "The Christian Church is Built Upon Faith Not Upon the Apostle Peter." Tuesday night Rev. Luckie will deliver a lecture on "My Trip from British Guiana, South America, to Wilberforce, Ohio." Admission free. Quarterly conference will be held Thursday night.

### An Excellent Gift.

Mr. Charles A. Webb is the recipient of an elegant and costly charm, the gift of Mr. "Billy" McClain, of Sgdney, Austrylia. It was sent as a Christmas present, and is a worthy gift. The charm is in the form of an obelisk, and is made of quartz with gold mountings. Mr. Webb is overjoyed as the recipient of such worthy remembrance.

Mme E. Azalia Hackley, a Western singer of great renown, will appear at Simpson Chapel on the 27th. Hear her there.

### Willis O. Tyler. Bloomington, Ind.

We take pleasure in presenting to our many readers the cut of Mr. Willis O. Tyler, the representative of the State University of Indiana at the recent oratorical contest held in this city. Mr. Tyler won the first place in a battle of seven contestants with much credit to his personal elevation and also to the institution he represented. Mr. Tyler is but 22 years old, was born near Bloomington, Ind. His earliest education was acquired in the public schools of Bloomington and Illinois. In 1896 he entered the Indiana University Law School and there studied law for one year, and in '97 entered the University. When the call was made for volunteers for Cuba's freedom, in 1898, he joined the Indiana Colored Volunteer Infantry, Company B, under the command of Capt. John J. Buckner. He was corporal and also company clerk. Returning to his studies at the University, he took special interest in the study of Economics, History and Public Speaking, and by his proficiency he was chosen leader of the "Varsity Debating Team" in the debate against Earlham College in the spring of 1900, and was selected to represent the University in Primary Oratorical held Nov. 23, 1900. He is vice-president of the University Oratorical Association, a member of Bethel A. M. E. Church and also prominent in lodge circles, being assistant secretary at the Indiana District Grand Lodge, No. 22, G. U. O. of O. F., at the last meeting. Mr. Tyler is a brilliant representative of the new, energetic and ambitious Negroes, and is a typical ideal of the American Negro, who will succeed under adverse circumstances.

### A Grand Surprise

Rockford, Ill., Special.—C. H. Robinson and Miss Mamie Robinson were surprised at their country home several miles from the city, by a merry crowd of friends who chased the fleeting hours away with song and dance and banquet. It was an occasion that will be long remembered by all who participated. Among those present were Miss Grace Setler, Lottie Williams, Alline Etherdge, Helen Tucker, Miss Johnson, Lizzie McCard, Mrs. Revelle, Mr. Scott, C. B. Smith, Herbert Tucker, Amos Tucker, John Boyd, John Reddick, Messrs. and Madams, J. Lehman, H. Williams.

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Madam E. Azalia Hackley is the latest star in the musical firmament. She is a vocalist whose merit is being granted by critics and press throughout the country wherever she appears. She is a product of Michigan, and got her early musical training in Detroit, but having married and removed to Colorado, she pursued her studies in the mountain State under the best instructors to be obtained, and graduated from the College of Music of the University of Denver, a school of high musical rank, with great honors. She is now making a most successful concert tour of the principal cities and musical centers, and is meeting with most flattering receptions. She appears to have a voice of unusually brilliant calibre, and her press notices indicate that she is rapidly winning the reputation of being the most thoroughly artistic and cultured singer that the race has yet produced. Her voice is a high soprano of great range and sweetness, while her stage appearance is charming. She appears only in concert work under the auspices of churches, schools, societies' etc., and maintains a very high standard. In the West she has a reputation as a choral director, second only to her fame as a vocalist, and she comes to the East with a double mission. She seems destined to fill the void in the upper rank of race vocalists and to afford some fortunate musical center an invaluable acquisition. We have taken note of the following comment of the press:

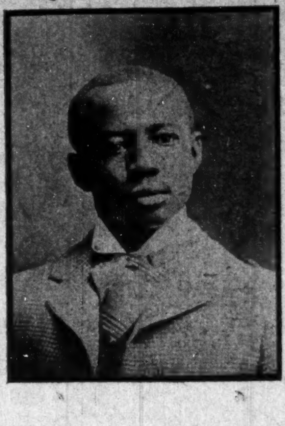
The program of the Teachers' Institute, Saturday morning, proved instructive as well as entertaining. It opened with a vocal solo, "The Swallows," by Mrs Azalia Hackley. Mrs. Hackley is a colored woman with a fine, high lyric soprano voice and is a graduate of the Denver Conservatory of Music. She displayed remarkable technique and took high C with great ease. Mrs. Hackley will remain in the city only a short while before taking a trip through the South.—Kansas City Journal.

The press everywhere seem quite as generous as the newspaper quoted above, and Mrs. Hackley's star of success is surely in the ascendant.

## MEMPHIS CHRONICLES

### Double Wedding the Social Event of the Week.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—King I. Chambers, one of our prominent citizens, is president of the Co-operative Portrait Co., 189 Beale street. Invitations will soon be out for a birthday party given in honor of little Miss Maryetta Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williams, 338 Desoto street. It is stated by Wm. Wells that as it is very disagreeable to go in a cold and fireless room, his many friends can look for another wedding soon. Tribe No. 1, of Avery chapel, Mrs. A. W. Whitlow captain, was royally entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Taylor last week. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitlow, Rev. and Mrs. Flagg, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Taylor, Misses Alice Caruthers, Lula Brights, Ella Emery, Cora Rankins, Lilly Higgins, Mesdames Charlotte Anderson, Fanny Davis, Ethel Pryor, V. Burley, Messrs. James Summerfield, Sam Young, B. Bradford, Wm. Wells, Wm. Maxey, Victor Simon, Ross Juliet, Gordon Hutchinson, Pink Gormon and E. W. Saddler. Charles Reece, of Kansas City, Kans., representing Swift & Co., wholesale meat dealers, will take charge of their plant in this city. John Blanchard, the second waiter at the Peabody cafe, will spend a week's vacation visiting friends in Nashville, Tenn. Henry Huse, the old reliable shoe maker, is now at 79 Hadden ave. Mr. Wall has reopened the saloon and lunch counter at 86 Hadden ave; John Hill is the mixer. Rev J T Crawford, pastor of the Middle Baptist church of this city seems to have some kind of a drawing effect about him, having been received at his charge with great Hosannas. One of the most beautiful double wedding of the season, and one of the most interesting from the prominence of the families, was that of Miss Lucinda Lovins to Levy Martin and Will Perkins to Miss Sarah Rogers at 8:30 o'clock Feb. 4. The ceremony was performed at the residence 279 South street, by Rev. Cleves in the presence of a very large crowd of friends and relatives. The house was beautifully decorated with white flowers, narcissus and hyacinths, in keeping with green and white that characterized the details. The maid of honor was Miss Pearl Davis and Louis Wims was best man. Each one of the contracting parties was beautifully attired. Mrs. Alice Davis, of 31 Dixon street, is on the sick list. You can now get The Freeman at the Baptist college, at 867 Adams street, from Mr. Hernor; agents wanted all over the city. The Young Ladies Guide, organized by Rev. Wm. Flagg, Jr, D D, last August have elected officers for the ensuing term. They now have a membership of 25. The representative of The Freeman requests all who desire to handle The Freeman to call at 27 Turley street Feb 22, Friday night Liberal inducements to those who desire to make money. P A Freeman has opened a typewriting and copying office at 334 Randolph building. Miss Luella Green, of 195 Monroe street, will leave in a few weeks for Chicago to accept a position. Eddie Green is sojourning in Hot Springs, Ark. Sam Young, of Summerville, Tenn., is visiting relatives here.



Charles H. Abernathy, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Charles H. Abernathy, the subject of this sketch, represents the Lippmann Loan office, No. 90 Beal street. This is the only one in this city having a colored man to represent them. Mr. Abernathy is a young man that the people of Memphis should feel proud of, as he represents the race in a position that proves to the world the honor, the capability and thrift which the colored youth is able to possess.

## PADUCAH HAPPENINGS

### Our Hustling Correspondent Sends the Jots of a Week's Round.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—James Howard, of Covington, Tenn., was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Caroline Howard and sisters of West Court street, last Sunday. George Hulett left for Memphis, Tenn., last Monday. David Pitman sends regards to Mrs. Ida Coleman of Evansville, Ind. Louis Walker, on Washington street, is indisposed. Get The Freeman from the boy on Market; price 5 cents. Miss Mamie Cobbs, of Metropolis, Ill., who has been attending school at Carbondale, and returning home, was given a grand banquet last Thursday evening; those attending from Paducah were: Misses Carrie Stanfield, Lena Malria, Mattie Bradley and Mary E. Cook; they returned Friday, reporting a grand time. Mrs. Robert McCluer, of Washington street, is suffering of neuralgia. Pay for your paper and keep it here in the city, price 5 cents. Miss Annie Dickerson, of Plunkett Hill, is indisposed. Mrs. Marion Price, of Husbon street, who has been on the sick list for quite awhile, is slowly improving. Don't forget the private excursion to Cairo, Ill., on Thursday Feb. 21, to the big dance given down there; see David Pitman or Will Ross at once, The Freeman club, if you want to go. Mrs. Lillie B. Stone departed this life Feb. 6 and her funeral was attended at Washington Street Baptist church Feb. 7, by Rev. J. W. Hawkins. Prof. S. McGoodwin, of Princeton, was in attendance at the funeral. A. J. Malry and Wm. Bolden, of Princeton were in the city Sunday. A certain young lady residing in this city, formerly of Princeton, Ky., is soon to wed a gentleman of Owensboro, Ky. The protracted meeting at Burk A. M. E. chapel is meeting with much success. Read The Freeman and keep posted; price 5 cents. Notice is hereby given to all tobacco packers and classers concerning an important meeting as follows:

Princeton, Ky., Jan. 29, 1901.

All tobacco packers and classers of Southwestern Kentucky are requested to meet at Paducah, Ky., Monday, April 8, 1901, to attend to business of importance. This will be our first meeting and all colored packers and classers are especially urged to attend. Don't forget the day and date. L. D. Chirdrews, president, Paducah, Ky.; Arch. Hendon, secretary, Princeton, Ky.

## THE GULF CITY

### Interesting Letter From Correspondent --Bishop Gaines Discusses Harmony Between the Two Races

Mobile, Ala., Special. — Everybody knows Mobile is called the Gulf city and still retains her place as the metropolis of Alabama, notwithstanding the fact that Birmingham, the Magic city, tried to rob her of this honor. The last census gives us a population of 38,469 which places us between Wheeling West Virginia, and Birmingham, Alabama. But our real population is 45,000 when we take into consideration the area of five miles which comprises the old city, the portions recently lopped off on accout of the Negro vote. The area in which carriers deliver letters will give a population of at least 50,000. Of this number it is safe to estimate that 15,000 are colored. The event of the week was the lecture on "The Harmong Between the Races," delivered by Bishop Wesley J. Gaines, of Atlanta, Ga., before an intelligent audience at the Emanuel A. M. E. church; Rev. F. H. Goodman pastor. The lecture is regarded as the best on the subject ever delivered before our people, and was largly commented upon by our daily papers. The Freeman will grow in favor with our people. The A. M. E. Zion church leads in membership, numbering about 3,000 communicants; the Baptist churches follow with about 2,500, and the A. M. E. church claims 2,000, while the M. E. church and the C. M. E. church are well represented but they have not large memberships; we also have a strong church of the Congregational persuasion, and a representative Episcopal church. We can boast of two weekly papers: The Southern Watchman and The Weekly Press, and one monthly, the organ of the A. M. E. Zion church; published by Rev. Dr. R. A. Morrisey, pastor of Big Zion church. We have a large number of colored men in business here. The competent colored mechanic and mason is not discriminated against by white people. It might also be mentioned that colored men serve on the juries in our city, and in the post office department we have a representation of more than five-sixths of the employees, and Uncle Sam has a colored deputy revenue collector, a colored guager and a colored commissioner. We also have two physicians. There are about four thousand children in our public and private schools. The Young Men's Christian Association is thoroughly organized with a women's auxiliary and they hold regular Sunday afternoon services at the Union Baptist church, Rev. A. F. Owens pastor. The association is now arranging to purchase a fine property.

### Tuskegee Notes

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—Memorial exercises were held in the chapel Wednesday night in commemoration of the 62nd anniversary of the birth of Gen. S. C. Armstrong, founder of the Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. Glorathy Hall, the new girls' industrial building, will be dedicated early in March. Many important and wealthy northern friends are expected. The institution is now getting about 100 gallons of milk per day from the diary, and making on an average of 30 pounds of butter daily.

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